

く即死魔法とスキルコピーの超越ヒールく

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# 回復術士のやり直し

Redo of healer



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ケアルガ

弱い自分を捨てるために新たな姿に  
進化したケアル。明るく楽しく幸せな  
復讐生活をモットーに面白おかしく  
生きている好青年。根は優しい

フレイア

顔を変えられ偽りの記憶を植え  
付けられたフレア王女にしてケ  
アルガの所有物。ケアルガを愛し導  
敬する従者

ブレット

【超】の所有者。超常現象を  
司る男。ケアルガの父。ケアル  
ガの所有物。ケアルガを愛し導  
敬する従者

イヴ

二周目では魔王、三周目では魔  
王候補の少女。現魔王に迫害さ  
れている。魔王候補の少女。魔王にな  
り男爵家を救うために旅をする

エレン

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司る男。ケアルガの父。ケアル  
ガの所有物。ケアルガを愛し導  
敬する従者

セツナ

奴隷の身に落ちた水銀族  
の天才。ケアルガに救われ  
彼の所有物となる







『小さき者たちよ。

よくぞ、我が試練を突破した』

こいつが神鳥カラドリウスか――













「そう、変じゃないかな？」

「イヴ、きれいだよ」

## **Prologue: The healing magician educates princess Norn**

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This morning feels good.

After waking up, I open the curtains to look outside, and the town is still making a clamor.

The victory celebration party that started yesterday after they drove away the Dioral Kingdom troops is still continuing. It's quite a pleasant spectacle to see.

A beautiful girl that's around twelve or thirteen with white wolf ears and wolf tail is leaning on my body.

"Kearuga-sama, this morning was weak..." (*Setsuna*)

"Sorry Setsuna. I tried too hard yesterday. I'll give you enough love later today, so forgive me." (*Kearuga*)

Saying that, I embrace and kiss her, making Setsuna's eyes intoxicated.

I became too engrossed with the sister donburi after obtaining princess Norn, so I shot out everything. The idea of piling the beautiful sisters on top of each other was quite good.

"Nn. Excited for it." (*Setsuna*)

"Leave it to me." (*Kearuga*)

I should eat plenty of meat for breakfast. Freya and Norn feel good, but I think I have the best affinity with Setsuna.

Not only am I seeking pleasure, but I also want to raise Setsuna's level limit. Right now, Setsuna's level limit has almost reached thirty.

In proportion to the demihumans' excellent talent values, they have a characteristic of having low level limits, but even among demi-humans, Setsuna had a considerably low level limit.

Her current level limit of thirty is a bit higher than the standard for demi-humans, and compared to humans, you could say that level is common. Since she had uncommon talent values and a natural intuition from the start, as long as the opponent isn't exceptional, she shouldn't lose anymore.

"Kearuga, who's the girl you brought along yesterday?" (*Eve*)

After my love affair with Setsuna finished, Eve asks me a question once I finally take my face out of the futon.

She's a black haired beautiful girl with black wings. Her age is around the same as Setsuna. She is a demon king candidate, and is also my employee.

"Ah, that girl is..." (*Kearuga*)

I had subtly changed Norn's face.

Princess Norn is a celebrity. I can't just take her with me without change, so I made her cuter to fit my taste while also leaving traces of her old face. Thanks to that, Eve hasn't noticed she's the girl that was giving a speech, telling everyone to kill the demons.



"She's my younger sister that I had been separated from for a long time." (*Kearuga*)

"That's a joke right?" (*Eve*)

"It's the truth. I never would have thought I could meet with her again. I coincidentally found her yesterday and picked her up." (*Kearuga*)

Since I wanted a younger sister, I told her the setting.

I wanted to be called onii-chan at least once. That sort of play seems like it would fire me up.

Eve is looking at me with doubtful eyes, but she more or less believed me. No, she just gave up huh. Incidentally, Setsuna quickly accepted it, since to Setsuna, I am her everything, so whatever I say is the truth to her.

That sleeping pet who is being talked about shakes. Right now, princess Norn is sleeping in the same bed as Freya. I let them sleep in the same bed yesterday after they fainted. What a kind person I am to let the sisters get along with each other.

Princess Norn opens her eyes, and raises her body. A beautiful girl with silky, cherry blossom coloured hair and white porcelain-like skin that is still undeveloped, but shows promise.

"... Where is this place?" (*Norn*)

To make her my property (toy), I have completely wiped her memories. Although she has general common knowledge and information to some extent, she can't remember her own name nor that she was the Dioral Kingdom's princess. Well then, I should finish up her personality to make it into my liking.

"You woke up! I'm so glad! I'm really glad!" (*Kearuga*)

Like that, I embrace her.

"Kya-, what are you." (*Norn*)

"Do you not remember, I'm your older brother Kearuga." (*Kearuga*)

"You are my older brother?" (*Norn*)

"Yeah. We were separated a long time ago, but I coincidentally found you collapsed in this town. I'm glad you woke up. Oou, my lovely younger sister!" (*Kearuga*)

Even though I'm saying it myself, I think it's messy.

Well, I'm going to use drugs and brainwashing techniques anyways, so anything works.

"I'm sorry, I can't remember anything." (*Norn*)

"It's okay. Even from just meeting you again like this... let's slowly talk over there while drinking tea." (*Kearuga*)

Like that, I hold her shoulder.

Norn's shoulder trembles with a start. It seems she's afraid of me. To think she would take that kind of attitude to her beloved older brother, it seems I need to educate her.

"\*Munyamunya, ah, good morning Kearuga-sama." (*Freya*)

"Good morning Freya." (*Kearuga*)

Freya has also gotten out of bed.

She's a beautiful girl in her mid teens with pink hair and an erotic figure who is a former princess.

"I have a slight headache..." (*Freya*)

"No need to push yourself, you can sleep for a bit longer. Various things finished, so it's fine to take it easy today." (*Kearuga*)

The cause of Freya's headache is the drug I made to turn Freya into dog Flare yesterday.

To keep the effect of clouding her memories, I purposely didn't use **[Recovery Heal]** . If she properly remembers what happened yesterday, Freya's loyalty towards me might drop. Freya, who had forgotten herself and became dog Flare from the drug that made her sexually excited, violated her younger sister in plenty. Watching her extremely intense licking made me laugh enough to twist my stomach.

"Well then, I will take you up on your offer and sleep a bit more." (*Freya*)

"That will be good. So, let's talk as just brother and sister." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, I want to remember things about myself." (*Norn*)

While tightly squeezing the sheets, princess Norn says that.

I smile, guide her to another room and make black tea.

It's a specially made black tea. I warm up a special potion that uses plenty of dangerous herbs and extract the herb components. Furthermore, I prepare an incense that clouds her awareness. Apart from that, I should also prepare tools for hypnotism. Busy, busy.







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And then, we had a worthwhile discussion for two hours. Yeah, I brainwashed her well. It's quite convenient to be an alchemist in times like this.

Princess Norn 'remembered' that her name is Ellen and that I'm her older brother.

By mistake, I was caught up in the moment and made her have feeling of love towards her true older brother, so it became that kind of relationship.

As a result...

"Onii-sama, does it feel good?" (*Ellen*)

"Yeah, it feels good. You're a good girl." (*Kearuga*)

"My heart goes \*kyun when I'm praised by onii-sama. Ellen will persevere." (*Ellen*)

*(TL Note: Kyun is basically a Japanese equivalent when you say "my heart skipped a beat" but in onomatopoeia form.)*

While saying that with blank eyes, she is servicing me with utmost effort.

It's irresistible when I think that this was that princess Norn. My own lust for conquest is satisfied.

Ah, not good. Even though I promised Setsuna to give her plenty of love, it doesn't seem like I can endure. No, I thought of something good.

First of all, I will endure without letting it out even until the end, and then I'll give her love together with Setsuna at noon.

This isn't just for my sake. It's for princess Norn's education! Although she has regained a pure heart thanks to me, a heart of garbage remains inside her that is trying to kill the demons and demi-humans altogether.

To teach her true equality, I'll give her love together with Setsuna, a demi-human. If she gasps together with a demi-human, she should be able to realize that demi-humans and humans are comrades that aren't different to each other. Women are all the same on top of the bed. I'll make them get along with my 'that'.

It's scary, my own saint-like behaviour is scary, my lifework is surely a pastor. I'm thinking of seriously changing my occupation.

Also, I have one more aim to this. It's about Eve, who indulges in masturbation while peeking at our love affairs every time.

If she's even surpassed by a newcomer, she will become unable to endure it. I want to quick taste Eve.

I'm gradually becoming unable to control myself and I might assault her. As a sincere person with a strong sense of justice, I want to avoid that as much as possible.

While thinking about that, I embrace and kiss former princess Norn, Ellen.

"Onii-samaa. I love you." (*Ellen*)

"Me too, Ellen." (*Kearuga*)

After being kissed by the man she should hate, she shows an ecstatic smile.



That's fine.

For you who killed my close friend, Caruman, burnt down my birthplace and killed Anna-san, it's fine if I use you for the rest of your life.

While showing a dark smile in my mind, I play with Norn in plenty, call Setsuna afterwards and happily give them love.

## Chapter 01: The healing magician says goodbye to Buranikka and his friend

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Before my eyes, I see Setsuna and princess Norn piled up on top of each other while naked and fainted.

\*Uu~n, I feel good after doing nice things.

I had princess Norn be reborn as Ellen, my younger sister, but an evil mind was still swirling inside her chest.

There was especially a need to erase her discrimination towards demi-humans and demons. For that reason, it was necessary to make her realize that demi-humans and humans are the same, so I gave her plenty of love together with Setsuna, a demi-human.

At the end, I had her entwine her tongue with Setsuna, a demi-human, and entangled various things, so princess Norn no longer has any discrimination in her mind. In front of my p○nis, demi-humans and humans will surely realize they are just females.

“Well then, I have to think about our plan from now on.” (*Kearuga*)

While blankly watching them, I think about various things.

I slightly tease the two in their sleep. Since this is quite fun, I can't stop doing it. I lick them, stroke them, and many other things.

I was able to obtain princess Norn, and I was also able to accomplish my objective for coming to Buranikka, which is information gathering.

We made our preparations for the journey, and I have earned plenty of travelling expenses too. There's no meaning to stay in Buranikka any longer. It's about time to set off.

Even without money, with my survival ability, I can do something about it with the forest's blessing as long as I'm just surviving. That being said, since I am a master who has resourcefulness, I don't plan on letting my property (toy) go through troubles.

I'm attached to me property (toy), so I want to let them live comfortably.

To be honest, in the beginning, I was even thinking of making Freya company a man and earn money. I thought that sneering at princess Flare while she opens her thighs for the filthy men would be quite enjoyable.

However, as I lived together with Freya, that woman became cute. As of now, I feel unbearably irritated when any man other than me touches her.

“No way, have I become harmonious? Damn, I have such a noble heart that overflows with a kind sense of justice. That's quite possible.” (*Kearuga*)

I've become scared.

Is my desire for revenge fading?

That's impossible. I detest them, I want to kill them. I want to crush those guys that tormented me.

It's okay, the flames in this chest have not yet disappeared.

I will kill the hero of the **[Gun]** who is still remaining. In addition, just killing him is unsatisfactory. That psychopath shota expert homo.

While saying he loves me, he dug up my ass. If he ever didn't like something, he would say *"Even though I love you this much and I'm gentle with you, why don't you listen to what I say!"* while hitting me enough to make an ordinary person die.

... it really was hell after I obtained drug resistance and regained my awareness. I was pretending to be mad for the sake of my objective, but when I was alone with him, there were many times when I thought it would have been easier if I was mad. For his charges, similarly to princess Norn, I was going to not kill him but make him my property and play with him, but it wouldn't be fun to have that homo as my property, so I have no choice but to kill him. Good grief, how crappy can he get!

"I'll probably meet him soon anyways." (*Kearuga*)

Following princess Flare, I even kidnapped princess Norn.

The dignity of the Dioral Kingdom has fallen to the bottom. They can't forgive that.

By princess Flare appearing, the other party should have been informed that I pulled the strings again this time. They will surely send for the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, and the remaining two people of the three great men. I am aiming for that, but it should take time to do so.

For that reason as well...

"I'll start with the **[Philosopher's Stone]** ." (*Kearuga*)

It's difficult to pursue the hero of the **[Gun]**'s traces, since information about heroes from foreign countries hardly come by. Therefore, I chose to lure him out. I'll defeat the current demon king by using that waiting time and gouge out his heart. If I have that, if I ever make a mistake, I can start again after using **[Recovery Heal]** on time itself.

For that reason, I will subjugate the kokuyoku race's familiar, the god bird. As I am challenging the demon king, it's better to have as much fighting power I can. The god bird will also be useful when I take on the hero of the **[Gun]**.

We will just spend the whole day today in this town, and we will depart tomorrow.

Come to think of it, I wonder what the sword saint is doing. I taught her that much about men, so her body should be unbearably throbbing. I should give her some love somewhere.

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Since noon, I have been in the tavern. Before dying, Caruman taught me a few shops he recommends, and this is the shop I still hadn't gone to yet.

"Uwaa, Kearuga-niisama. That's an amazing meal." (*Ellen*)

"Ellen, you're frolics too much." (*Setsuna*)

"So are you, Setsuna. Ellen and Setsuna are both such children." (*Eve*)

""You shouldn't be saying that.""

The children trio, Ellen, Setsuna and Eve are frolics. Because Ellen is my younger sister, they are carefully making friends with her. It's brilliant when three beautiful girls with different types are being lively like this.



"Kearuga-sama, our comrades have increased quite a bit." *(Freya)*

"That's true." *(Kearuga)*

It was originally a journey I started together with only the hero of **[Magic]**, Flare, no, Freya. However, right now, there's Setsuna, the genius from the ice wolf race. Eve, the demon king candidate from the kokuyoku race. And then, the second princess of the Dioral Kingdom, who is a genius of strategy, Ellen... er, rather, princess Norn.

Those three joined us, and although she is taking separate actions, there is also Kureha, the sword saint.

Looking at it like this, each one is quite distinguished. All members possess tremendous talent, and as beautiful girls, the state of 'that' is good as well.

Surely this is also because of my natural virtue. To me, who has continued to conduct himself properly, god is telling me to do my best.

However, recently it has been quite hard. If there's no time for 'that' to become thirsty, even my body won't hold. I should love Setsuna, who is my favourite and also needs to increase her level limit, everyday, and I'll rotate the others each day. That way seems better and will make me less tired.

"Kearuga-sama, are you thinking about something?" *(Freya)*

"Yeah, I was thinking about how I can make a world that everyone can become more happy." *(Kearuga)*

"World peace. That is lovely. Kearuga-sama!" *(Freya)*

I haven't told a lie. The world is here for my sake. My happiness is this world's happiness.

"Everyone, we're going to leave this town tomorrow. Feel free to order anything you guys want to eat." *(Kearuga)*

The moment I said that, the eye colour of the school children without lunch group, Setsuna and Eve, changed, and they look at the menu. Since both of them have been raised well, they can properly read letters. They order things in succession.

"Um, Setsuna-chan, Eve-san, will you be able to eat it all if you order that much?" *(Ellen)*

Ellen timidly calls out to them.

"There are five people. The quantity per person is insufficient."  
*(Setsuna)*

"Ellen, you don't know starvation. Fufufu, we have to eat while we still can." *(Eve)*

Because both of their serious faces are amusing, I laugh.

They can order as much as they like. In proportion to how much they enjoy it, I'll have them pay for it with their bodies though. Like that, an extravagant lunch time passed.

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I fairly enjoyed it.

And then, because we finished our lunch, we once again made preparations for our journey. Since Ellen has also joined us, the amount of things necessary had increased.

Using **[Imitation Heal]** , I look through her memories, but princess Norn has absolutely no fighting experience. I can depend on her intellect, but I can't depend on her at all as fighting power. That being said, it would be troubling if she doesn't learn the minimum self-defense.

For a while, I'll have her participate in instructor Setsuna's hellish training together with Freya and Eve. She should become able to somewhat move.

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And now, it's the next day. At last, the day we leave Buranikka has come.

"It's been awhile, raptor. I'll rely on you again, and the newcomer as well." (*Kearuga*)

The two raptors raise a cry.

Originally, it was Setsuna, Freya and I. It was very full with the three of us.

By Eve and Ellen joining us, we can't just use one of them. Therefore, I purchased another \*raptor. Raptors have a trait of being composed in a vertically structured society.

When there is a powerful individual, the individual that's bought afterwards listens to what you say. The raptor that journeyed with us is well trained, so it's already made the junior into its underling.

"Setsuna, can you ride a raptor?" (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Leave it to Setsuna... but it's sad. Even though together with Kearuga-sama is better." (*Setsuna*)

"Sorry. It's because no one else can control a raptor." (*Kearuga*)

I entrust the raptor we rode until now to Setsuna. I should be the one to ride the raptor we aren't used to.

"Freya will be together with Setsuna on the raptor over there." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes! I understand." (*Freya*)

I won't say the reason. If I say that I paired Freya, the heaviest one in the female camp, together with Setsuna to moderately disperse the raptor's burden, she will become angry.

"Eve and Ellen are over here." (*Kearuga*)

"Okay, Kearuga." (*Eve*)

"I am happy to be together with Kearuga-niisama!" (*Ellen*)

Thus, we split up and mount the raptors.

Ellen settles between the raptor's neck and I, and Eve is hesitating while embracing me from the back. I miss Setsuna's cute back and tail, and Freya's soft sensation, but this is fresh in its own way.

Fumu, I'm not a lolicon, but by the time I realized it, the average age of my party has considerably fallen.

"Now, let's go. We are heading east. Eve, there's a village on the way right?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, it's the village of the demons who worship the god bird." (*Eve*)

"In that case, that's our destination." (*Kearuga*)

Like that, we make the two raptors run side-by-side.

Just you wait, god bird. I'll definitely make you mine. And once I obtain the god bird, next will be the demon king.

The insurance called **[Philosopher's Stone]** is mine. No, instead of using it as insurance, there's a more interesting way of using it... At any rate, I'm looking forward to what will happen.

Buranikka steadily becomes far away. I turn around one last time.

"Caruman, you said that you wanted to someday leave this town, procure goods by travelling all around the world and open a huge shop... I'll tour this world for your share as well. So please, sleep peacefully. Goodbye, my close friend." (*Kearuga*)

While imagining the face of my deceased friend, I say goodbye.

"Kearuga-niisama, who is Caruman?" (*Ellen*)

"He's my close friend who was in this town. He died because of a lu○○tic." (*Kearuga*)

I smile at the lu○○tic... er, rather, Ellen.

Ellen says '*is that so*' and talks about it like it's somebody else's problem. Hou, she has some nerve. I'll discipline her in plenty tonight.

I stop turning around and face forward.

It feels like Caruman just smiled.

We have come far enough that we can't see Buranikka anymore. Not just the town, but I also say goodbye to my friend, and make the raptor run. My journey will still continue after this.



## Chapter 02: The healing magician enjoys pure love

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After leaving Buranikka, we head towards the village that worships the god bird so that I can obtain the god bird that Eve's race, the kokuyoku race, reveres.

Since the sun is setting, we are currently making camp inside the forest.

Setsuna and Freya teach Eve and princess Norn, who has made a fresh start in life as Ellen, various things while installing the tent.

While they do so, I am making dinner. I have bought up a large quantity of spices and seasoning in Buranikka. These sorts of things give colour to the meals in our journey.

Today I'm making a red spicy soup which is full of umami. I throw in a lot of spices and dried meat into the soup that has wild plants and mushrooms I harvested in the forest.

The dried meat is the meat of the monsters we hunted on our journey until now, and all of them have adaptable genetics. For monster meat that have adaptable genetics, I process them into jerky and carry around a large portion. I do that because if my comrades ever increase, I can immediately feed it to them and raise their talent values. Today I'm using it to let Eve and Ellen use it.

"The dried meat will make a good soup stock, so this will taste good."  
(Kearuga)

The red soup is gently bubbling. Then, I throw in butter. When you put in butter, the membrane of fat covers your tongue, so your tongue won't hurt even if it's spicy, and it can be deliciously eaten.

"Kearuga-sama, the installation of the tent finished." (Setsuna)

"Good work, Setsuna. I'm almost about to finish as well." (Kearuga)

"It has a very appetizing smell." (Setsuna)

"I'm sure it's been made well." (Kearuga)

The advantage of cuisine that are strong and spicy, is that whatever you throw in, it still has a harmonized taste. I put in the wild plants that have a harsh taste for our health, but they should be able to comfortably eat it.

Behind Setsuna, Ellen was there. She seems to be quite disheartened.

"...As expected, going on a journey is hard for Ellen." (Kearuga)

"No, I am fine, Kearuga-oniisama. I just have to take a small rest."  
(Ellen)

While staggering, Ellen is pretending to be tough. When she was princess Norn, she specialized in non manual labour and had elegantly sat down in the highest grade carriages for journeys, so just riding a raptor wears her out.

"There no need to push yourself. You can just grow accustomed to it little by little. You will naturally grow stronger if you continue journeying after all." (Kearuga)

"Yes, I will do my best! I will not cause any trouble for Kearuga-oniisama!" (*Ellen*)

How courageous. I felt it with Freya as well, but Norn has become extremely cute after having her memories reset and being brainwashed a bit.

Their true natures probably hadn't been rotten. What do you have to do to raise them to have such hopeless personalities I wonder...

I want to see the faces of their parents once. No, I have seen it. Well, I'm going to meet them again someday anyways.

The king of the Dioral Kingdom. He is also my revenge target. Since he is the main culprit for everything, I can't let him stay alive. I'll have him stoned to death by his citizens. I'll crush his dignity as a king and shame him in front of others. Yeah, that's a good idea.

"Our meal has been made. Call everyone for me." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Okay. Ellen, follow me." (*Setsuna*)

"Yes, Setsuna." (*Ellen*)

While behaving like an elder sister, Setsuna is taking care of Ellen. She was originally good at taking care of others, so she probably wanted a protege. Besides, she has already become her real sister, although it's just as women who have slept with the same man.

I warmly welcome my possessions (toys) to have good relationships.

Well, today I should serve Setsuna a bit more meat. After a while, everyone gathers. ... suddenly, I sense a presence.

"Sorry everyone, I'm going to delay our dinner for a bit. It seems like I'll be able to make one more dish." (*Kearuga*)

The **[Presence Detection]** ability I had set up caught the presence of a monster.

Inside the forest where there's bad field of vision, I had assigned this ability I gained from using **[Imitation Heal]** on an elite ranger, and that became helpful. It's my first time sensing this monster's presence. I won't let go of a chance to increase my talent values.

Besides...

"Eve, follow me. We're going to hunt a monster. I want to see your power." (*Kearuga*)

I should confirm Eve's abilities at least once. I have seen her abilities with **[Jade Eyes]**, but whether she can handle it is another question. I want to know how much Eve can fight.

"Yeah, that's fine. I'll show you that I'm not just some baggage." (*Eve*)

Making a triumphant face, she spreads her black wings that were hidden under her robe.

Well, I'll be seeing whether that confidence is a bluff or not.

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I sprint inside the forest, and Eve flaps her wings.

It seems convenient. I also want to fly in the sky, but because she isn't using an ability to do it, I can't imitate it. Even if I were to change my appearance with **[Transformation Heal]** , there's a limit.

"Eve, can you see from there?" (*Kearuga*)

"Don't worry, I can see it. It's a monitor lizard type monster." (*Eve*)

It seems that Eve's eyes are good. She can precisely see a monster that is one hundred meters away.

I think back to Eve's abilities. Eve has four abilities.

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**Darkness Magic Lv2**  
**Holiness Magic Lv2**  
**Kokuyoku Martial Arts Lv2**  
**Household Summon Lv1**

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She can handle the two super rare attributes of light and darkness, and possesses a unique martial art that uses aviation. Furthermore, as a trump card, she also possesses summoning magic that can manifest the souls of the dead people from the kokuyoku race who dwell in her wings. She's excessively blessed for her abilities. Moreover, her total talent values exceed six hundred. This surpasses all heroes.

Light excels in direct offensive ability. What Eve is about to use now should be light magic. Now, how will Eve use that power.

"Look at my power well. If it's not a surprise attack, I won't fall behind anyone!" (*Eve*)

While standing still in the sky, she points her hand straight to the direction of the lizard.

A white ball of light comes out.

**"Goooo, [Arrow of Light] !" (*Eve*)**

When Eve shouts, a white flash is fired from the white ball. It extends in a straight line at the speed of light. Going through many trees, it crashes into the ground and makes a thunderous sound.

That's a terrifying magic.

After all, it went straightforward at the speed of light. It has plenty of power. It can be called the strongest class of offensive magic which I don't want to make an enemy of and is extremely difficult to dodge.

I have already used **[Imitation Heal]** on the **[Holiness Magic]** . I will make good use of it.

"You're amazing, Eve." (*Kearuga*)

"Right?" (*Eve*)

"Well, because the user is clumsy, the magic is crying. How do you miss a magic that goes completely straight? It's already weird from the moment you aim." (*Kearuga*)

"Uu-, don't say that! I'll definitely hit it next time!" (*Eve*)

Even magic that is so strong it's breaking the rules is useless if the user is clumsy.

The projectile landed in a spot five hundred meters away from the monitor lizard type monster. The monitor lizard is standing still. In other words, her aim was out of alignment since the start. Eve's mana quantity and offensive power is irregular, but her control is too poor.

With a flushed face, Eve rapid fires. Her aim shifts the more she hurries. At the end, she used up all her mana.

"Hikyu~" (*Eve*)

While raising a cute voice, she falls, so I catch her. She's considerably mana deficient.

I smile wryly, pour a mana recovery potion in my mouth and pour it into Eve while kissing her. She's in quite a bad state, and she won't be able to swallow it by just putting it into her mouth, so I took emergency measures. Light returns to Eve's vacant eyes.

"W-what are you doing!" (*Eve*)

I'm thrust away.

"Because a certain someone showed her shameful sight of becoming mana deficient like a novice, I made her drink a mana recovery potion. At that rate, some disabilities might've remained in your brain you know?" (*Kearuga*)

"Uu-um, sorry for thrusting you away." (*Eve*)

Eve turns her flushed face away, and traces her lips with her finger.

Fumu, I have unexpectedly earned a favourable impression. This is an action you do to someone you don't hate. If she hated me, her rejection would have been bigger.

... It might be about time to move on to the next step. Eve must have also become tired of comforting herself while peeking at me making love.

"Well, at the very least, you killed the monitor lizard." (*Kearuga*)

"Eh, is that true!? Ahem, i-it's just as I planned!" (*Eve*)

After having sparkling eyes for a moment, she desperately tried to keep up her normal appearance.

She's a truly pitiful girl. But she's fun. Oh, I see, I enjoy the exchange between Eve and I.

If I was just making Eve mine, I could have done it in a simpler way, but I indirectly deepened our intimacy, made her hold interest to the other gender and arranged it so that she would naturally want me all for the sake of playing around.

What can I say, making her brain go poof with **[Transformation Heal]** and drugs and then brainwashing her is fun, but it's insipid, and when I do so, her responses show complete devotion to one side.

Freya and Ellen are truly cute, obedient pets which give me enjoyment. However, I get tired of it if it's just that. Therefore, to Setsuna and Eve, I didn't use any **[Transformation Heal]**, drugs, or brainwashing. It took some time, but I induced them into falling in love with me of their own accord.



I wonder what I should call this emotion... there's a somewhat good phrase.

Yes, this is what you call pure love. I am currently enjoying pure love.

"I see, so this is what you planned. It doesn't mean you hit it if you just buried it alive under the sand and earth that got blown off from the aftermath. Eve, become Freya's apprentice. That's a genius regarding anything about magic. Right now, you're just grandly wasting your talent. You should learn some restraint." (*Kearuga*)

"Uuu, Kearuga you bully." (*Eve*)

She is subtly sulking.

Since that kind of Eve is cute, I stroke her head. When I do, she becomes delightful for a moment, but probably because her embarrassment won, she rejected my hand.

This must be that so-called tsundere. After collecting the monitor lizard that died from suffocation, I return to everyone else.

The monitor lizard's adaptable genetics has an effect of raising the speed talent value. The monitor lizard's tail is soft, and the umami is strong. I cut it up into round slices and treat it to everyone after spit-roasting it.

It's a feast. Everyone will surely be delighted.

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The spicy soup that's made with dried meat, wild plants and mushrooms and the monitor lizard's spit-roasted tail were made extraordinarily deliciously.

Everyone was eating it more appetizingly than usual. Even Ellen who was already tired before eating and couldn't eat anything asked for seconds after the fragrance of the spices stimulated her stomach.

Making tasty cuisine for journeys is unexpectedly important. If you only eat unpleasant things, your heart goes wild and you steadily become gloomy.

And right now...

"Kearuga-sama~, Kearuga-sama~." (*Freya*)

I am giving Freya plenty of love. Since my stamina won't hold if I keep making love to everyone everyday like I was before, I have made a shift system.

Today is Freya's turn.

Probably because of a strange habit she made when she was dog Flare, she's taken a liking to being on all fours while I go intense. Furthermore, she is also becoming a masochist.

Well, since I quite like striking this woman, I'll go along with her preferences. This is fun in its own way. Just as she wishes, I'll discipline her.

"As expected, she came today as well." (*Kearuga*)

We didn't just increase the amount of raptors we had after our the number of people increased. We also got two tents. The way of dividing it is

simple, the tent for the woman I make love to that day and I, and the tent where every other member is in.

If I were to say it in a few words, this is the sexual intercourse tent. The entrance of that tent is slightly opened, and Eve is peeking through it. As always, she's probably using me as food for thought while comforting herself.

... Normally, I would let her do what she wants, but I understood from the matter at noon that she holds quite a lot of good will towards me.

Therefore, I'll take a step forward today. I've already made Freya satisfied enough.

I quickly head to the entrance, grab the peeping tom by the scruff of the neck and drag her into the tent.

"Eh, K-Kearuga, um, this, it's not, not at all, this, it's not." (*Eve*)

Eve becomes flustered and tries to explain, but her hand is wet and her underwear is slipped off, so no matter what she says, she has no persuasive power.

"You will be stabbed by bugs if you're outside. If you're going to watch, do it in here." (*Kearuga*)

"No, um, this is definitely weird..." (*Eve*)

"What are you saying at this late hour, aren't you always peeking and comforting yourself? You can just do it how you normally do it." (*Kearuga*)

Eve's face becomes bright red, and her black wings spread out with a puff.

... So this girl actually thought she wasn't exposed even though she was being so flashy. I won't say it out loud, but Setsuna and Freya had already realized long ago.

"Wha-what are you..." (*Eve*)

"There's no way I wouldn't notice. You taciturn pervert." (*Kearuga*)

"Uuuu, uuuuu, uwaaaaaann." (*Eve*)

Ah, she finally burst into tears.

Of course she would want to cry. But it's a bit cute.

"It's inevitable to be interested in these types of things. I don't plan on criticizing you. Oh yeah, do you want to participate together with us?" (*Kearuga*)

"I-I'm fine!" (*Eve*)

I guess it was still too early.

"In that case, I'll help you." (*Kearuga*)

"Eh." (*Eve*)

I touch Eve's body. She isn't resisting.

"We won't make love. You're always touching yourself right? The only difference here is that it will be my hand. Like always, this is just masturbation." (*Kearuga*)

"Same, as, usual?" (*Eve*)

"Yeah, it's the same as usual. It's just that the one making you feel good will be me. This should be fine." (*Kearuga*)

“... I-in that case, it’s fine. You’re absolutely not allowed to do anything indecent.” (*Eve*)

“Yeah, I promise.” (*Kearuga*)

Well, even if I don’t use *that*, it doesn’t change the fact that this is indecent, so it’s quite confusing.

Today, I really won’t do it until the end. I’ll make her satisfied with just my hand.

Hou, so Eve is the type to look slender in clothing, and the smoothness of her skin is wonderful.

What’s important is to create a fait accompli. From next time, I’ll have her watch us fair and square from the same tent, and comforting Eve after that will probably become a daily routine. It will be nice to show her various things from the special seat.

And then, I’ll gradually escalate it. I might use my tongue next time. Once that happens, just using my hand will become frustrating, and she will request for it from herself.

I’m looking forward to it.

It truly is worth teasing Eve. I want to quickly eat her, but I have to endure. The more I endure, the tastier it will become.

“Besides, this is pure love.” (*Kearuga*)

Yeah, it’s pure love. It makes such a beautiful sound. I think about how proper love is quite nice while giving love to Eve.

### Chapter 03: The healing magician visits the village that worships the god bird

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While in a good mood, I'm making the raptor run. My relationship with Eve that I had patiently and carefully prepared has finally taken a step forward.

I enjoyed Eve's body in plenty with these two hands. Sweaty skin. The sensation of it sticking to my hands, and the heat that seems hot enough to burn me. Just by remembering it makes me feel aroused.

I was about to abandon my reason and assault her many times, but I endured it. If I had reached out my hand, all the trouble I had until now would have come to nothing.

If I properly follow the procedure, someday, I will be able to do it until the end. I'll even make this impatience and irritation into enjoyment. That is my pure love. While thinking about that, I open my mouth.

"Eve, this is the correct direction of the village we're aiming for, right?"  
(Kearuga)

"Yeah, it's correct!" (Eve)

The two raptors are sprinting. The first one is being controlled by Setsuna, with Freya riding it. I took Eve and Ellen together with me for the second one, while I control it.

Since only Eve knows the location where the god bird was sealed, Eve has the job of being our guide. So that she doesn't get swung downwards by the raptor like yesterday, Eve is putting more strength into her embrace. The feeling of her being glued to me has increased. This must have been influenced by yesterday's matter. It seems Eve also feels impatient.

"Eve, are the residents of that village belligerent? There's a possibility that those demons in that village that worship the god bird might consider us as invaders and attack us." (Kearuga)

By nature, humans and demons are hostile to each other. Humans and demons coexisting like they did in Buranikka is strange. It wouldn't be strange if we received an attack the moment we approached the village. Rather, it's very likely that that will happen.

"It's okay as long as I'm here. After all, I'm the only daughter of the Reese family!" (Eve)

Eve's real name, is Eve Reese, and it seems that the Reese family is a distinguished family. In that case, I'm relieved.

From what Eve says, I can at least understand that they are a race you can communicate with. If we say we will undergo the god bird's ritual to protect Eve from the demon king's attack and make Eve the demon king, they probably won't intrude. Rather, the kokuyoku race should be welcoming me. After all, I am Eve's saviour and her future husband.

"Eve, I want to ask you something." (Kearuga)

"What is it, Kearuga?" (Eve)



"We're in a relationship that could be called lovers right?" (*Kearuga*)  
"Gofu-!?" (*Eve*)

I hear a coughing fit from behind me. That's weird. I don't remember saying anything that would make her feel this agitated.

Not just Eve, but the pink hair in front of me softly expanded. Princess Norn who is in between the raptor's neck and I... no Ellen, swelled up her cheeks and turned around. It seems she is also concerned by my words.

And on the other raptor which is running side by side, Setsuna's white wolf ears are twitching. It's the action she takes when she doesn't want to miss something. Setsuna has good ears, so it seems she has also heard our conversation.

"What are you asking all of a sudden Kearuga!? You're surprising me!" (*Eve*)

"That's right. Kearuga-niisama. Just Eve-san is unfair!" (*Ellen*)

"That's what you're complaining about!? It's different, right!" (*Eve*)

"Eve-san, getting a head start is not good! I won't allow you to monopolize Kearuga-niisama." (*Ellen*)

I was about to click my tongue. Ellen is being strangely over-familiar, and it's slightly getting on my nerves. Although I treat her like my younger sister, she's only at the level of my property (toy). Having a desire to monopolize me is impertinent.

I take a deep breath. Let's calm down.

... It's still just barely within my tolerance level. I made her into my younger sister because it seemed interesting, but it might have been a failure. If she becomes too irritating, I'll 'educate' her.

However, a younger sister that behaves like a spoiled child is cute in it's own way. It's what you call \*cute because she's annoying. Since this has flavour, throwing it away would be a waste. It's troubling.

Well, since she was originally princess Norn, it's okay to destroy her. Without forcibly tampering with her, I should give her proper 'education' to turn her into my type.

"Ellen is mine. So is Setsuna and Freya. Therefore, I don't speak of it. I believe in your guys' love. I don't even need to ask... it's your turn today. I'll give you plenty of love. Then you should understand." (*Kearuga*)

"Kearuga-niisama~." (*Ellen*)

With an ecstatic voice, Ellen leans on me.

Freya, Setsuna and Ellen have already become my property. They are feeling neglected because I'm too engrossed with Eve. It was my lack of virtue that made them feel like that.

I'll thoroughly give them enough love so they don't become uneasy. Eve became too worried, so it seems her head overheated. No, it seems she finally has an answer.

"I was a bit puzzled, but it's different! I'm just friends with you!" (*Eve*)

Oh, I progressed a bit. I thought she was going to say I'm just a mercenary. To think she would call me her friend.

"That's strange. Even though we loved one another that much last night. Would you let someone who's just a friend do that to you? The kokuyoku race is quite willing. Do you not have any problems with your sense of virtue?" (*Kearuga*)

I make a joke, and Eve's face becomes bright red.

"Of course not! Since Kearuga was the partner, ah, no, that's not what I meant, ah, geez! Kearuga is, Kearuga is." (*Eve*)

She probably doesn't quite understand her own feelings. She's worth teasing.

"In the first place, you're too fickle. How many girls do you plan to have serving you!? If you were more faithful, even I..." (*Eve*)

After saying that, she once again becomes flustered.

She truly is amusing.

"I understand what you want to say, but I'm fine with this. This way lets everyone feel happiness." (*Kearuga*)

"... I don't understand it." (*Eve*)

Fumu, in that case, I'll properly explain it to her. I choose words that are easier for her to understand.

"Listen, a man that can only bring happiness to one person should only love one person. However, I'm different. Now matter how many there are, I have the capability to simultaneously bring all of them happiness. And I will bring everyone more happiness than any other man. If I were to only choose one person, don't you think it would be a lot more dishonest? I'm making all the women I didn't pick become unhappy. That would be like a crime."  
(*Kearuga*)

Eve looks at me with reproachful eyes.

Did I say something strange? I don't quite know. A man who can bring many women happiness is bringing many women happiness. It should be an extremely simple story.

"...Haa, it's fine. This, this kind of person... uuuu." (*Eve*)

Someday, Eve will properly understand it.

I take good care of my possessions (toys). I protect them and I won't let them feel discomfort. I'll continue loving them. I'm looking forward to the day Eve becomes my property (toy).

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After that, we camped for the day and restarted. When the sun started setting, Eve started talking loudly.

"We have arrived. This is Visouvu, the village that worships the god bird! ... Kearuga, promise me. You absolutely can't cause any trouble. It's the final support for the kokuyoku race whose birthplace was destroyed." (*Eve*)

If I remember correctly, the kokuyoku race was ostracized by the demon king and their country was destroyed. And then, the survivors scattered to various places, prayed for the day that Eve, a demon king candidate, becomes the new demon king, and quietly lived while hiding.

“Why are so many people from the kokuyoku race carefreely gathered in one place? Isn’t it the same as asking the demon king to aim for them?”  
(Kearuga)

That’s what I’m bothered about.

Gathering together in one village is a suicidal act.

“There are no ordinary people from the kokuyoku race here. Everyone’s from a miko family lineage. They can’t control the god bird, but they can make requests to it, and although it’s not like it unconditionally comes, there are times when the god bird comes to help. The demon king’s army don’t approach because it’s scary... but it wouldn’t be strange if the god bird killed the kokuyoku race on a whim either, so apart from the miko families that can send their voices to the god bird easily, no one approaches it.” (Eve)

I guess you could call it a dangerous double-edged blade. And I have obtained one good piece of information. The god bird is even feared by the current demon king that the kokuyoku race is extremely afraid of.

In short, once we obtain it, it will become a mighty weapon. That’s not all. My knowledge as an alchemist is telling me; potions that are made from the god bird’s feathers, blood, meat or any other raw material can become a supreme remedy, or the worst poison.

I can make even more splendid potions than before. As long as I have that, I can do more enjoyable things! Isn’t that great!

As expected, it’s good I got Eve. Eve herself is wonderful as fighting power and as a woman. Furthermore, I can even gain the best bonus, a god bird. I unconsciously stroke Eve’s black hair.

“Geez, what is it Kearuga?” (Eve)

She doesn’t hate it. She turns her bashful face away. She really is cute.

For some reason or another, I feel like I’ll win her over when we gain the god bird. Yes, my intuition is saying it, and my intuition is usually right. I want to quickly see Eve being satisfied by my lower half. Once I obtain Eve, we’ll have sex while being protected by the god bird. That seems very mystical and splendid.

Since an arrow is flying at me, I clear it away. An arrow also flew to Setsuna’s direction, but she safely clears it away as well.

Ahh, how irritating. Even though I had been in such a good mood while imagining a happy future with Eve.

By the time I realize it, we’ve been surrounded by a black winged group who are holding bows and staffs.

Fumu, considering I couldn’t notice it from this distance, they must be erasing their presences with quite a advanced magic formula. I want to use **[Imitation Heal]** on it. It seems convenient.

A leader-like middle aged man opens his mouth.

“You bastard, let go of Eve-himesama!” (???)

Ahh, so he’s misunderstanding.

“Eve, can I massacre these guys?” (Kearuga)

"Of course not!?" (*Eve*)

"In that case, persuade them with all your power... I'll do my best to not kill them, but I can't make any promises." (*Kearuga*)

Eve swallows her saliva. And then, with a resolute face, she looks forward.

Now, I'll be looking at Eve's skill. She will probably manage somehow or another. Even if she doesn't, I can do something about it. It seems like an interesting show. I'll be comfortably watching it.



## Chapter 04: The healing magician whispers his love

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I'm receiving a rough welcome to the village that worships the god bird. The kokuyoku race has surrounded us, and abruptly fired an arrow towards Setsuna and I. Normally, I would have bestowed punishment to them; a speedy massacre.

However, although they're imperfect, these people are the people Eve is trying to protect. As I'm big-hearted, I decided to forgive them.

The kokuyoku race's luck is good. Since the compassionate me is their opponent, they are still safe, but they can't complain even if they're massacred and without Eve, I would have done so.

That being said, if Eve fails at persuading them, I'll massacre them without hesitation. Although I have a heart as wide as the ocean, I won't forgive them the second time... After massacring them, it would be difficult to comfort Eve. Even though I finally became friendly with her, it would be painful to be hated. She might not forgive me.

In the worst case, I might have to abandon going on the pure love route. That is a terribly sad matter. I want to love Eve as Eve, but is such a tragedy like her becoming a doll allowed to happen!?

"Go for it Eve." (*Kearuga*)

Dismounting the raptor, she spreads her arms as if protecting me, and I send a cheer to her back. Eve spreads her wings widely; that is her own way of responding. It seems she has resolved herself. Now, I'll have her show me her power.

"I am the daughter of the Reese family, Eve Reese. Everyone, calm down, these people aren't enemies. They are my benefactors that saved me!" (*Eve*)

The people of the kokuyoku race become noisy.

No matter what Eve says, humans are their enemies. It's understandable they would doubt her.

"Please, believe me! Don't hurt these people." (*Eve*)

Eve is desperate. This probably isn't because she's concerned about my body.

She knows that I can cut my way through them unhurt if I feel like it. Instead, she is concerned about the kokuyoku race's bodies. That's a wise decision. The moment they next start a fight with me, they will be ended.

I have made preparations for that. Since I am doubtful and very careful, I have been making a special magic formula little by little so that I can hasten my preparations to efficiently massacre them.

It's what you call having a walking stick ready before stumbling.

Receiving Eve's words, the middle aged man who is probably the leader of the kokuyoku race comes in front of Eve. The ones at his back are still holding up their staffs and bows.

"Eve-himesama, it has been a long time. The periodic messages we got from your guards had ceased... we thought you had fallen to the enemy's hands." (???)

"I think I would have been killed long ago if I was alone. Since that person, Kearuga, saved me, I am able to meet everyone again like this."  
(Eve)

Eve arrived at Buranikka together with her guards. In Buranikka where humans and demons coexist, it's hard to use the demon king's authority, so they must have thought it would be the best place for hiding.

However, just before they reached Buranikka, her guards were killed, and although Eve somehow arrived at Buranikka by herself, her poor disguise was easily seen through and she was about to be killed. If I didn't save her, it would have been dangerous.

"Eve-himesama, I want to ask no more than two questions. To begin with, this is the first one. Why did a human save you? I don't understand the reason. ... With all due respect, the kokuyoku race has had most of its property stolen, and we don't have any magic tools to please humans. We are not able to give them a reward. On the contrary, our bodies themselves have a high commercial value to humans. Even if he was trying to capture you, to say he saved Eve-sama is by no means..." (???)

What they are suspicious of, is that I might have saved Eve and deceived her to have her lead me to her village and massacre the kokuyoku race.

If I was a hunter, rather than capturing Eve alone, I will earn more if I make her lead me to her den and massacre everyone, so I would obviously do that.

The corpses of the kokuyoku race are profitable. They are quite good materials for making magic tools. Eve hasn't noticed, but I pick up her feathers that occasionally come out.

"I don't know why Kearuga saved me. Kearuga, answer it." (Eve)

"You're going to make me replace you there!?" (Kearuga)

I unintentionally retorted. Eve might unexpectedly be a natural airhead. Despite saying she's going to persuade them while being full of confidence, she readily threw the ball to me.

It can't be helped. I'll properly answer her.

"There are two reasons. One is that I fell in love with Eve. Because I wanted her, I saved her. And since I am a gentleman, without making her feel obligation for being saved, I have been taking time to make advances on her." (Kearuga)

Eve's face flushes and her mouth keeps flapping open and closed.

Fumu, despite saying I love her instead of a greeting, why is she so surprised at this late hour from just saying I fell for her?

Because of the excessively unexpected answer, the middle-aged man absent-mindedly opened his mouth. Well, it's fine. I should progress our conversation. I should tell him my other reason.

"And the other one is that I want to kill the demon king. To arrive at the demon king, it's more convenient if I stay close to Eve, who the demon king has his eyes on. Just as you can see, I'm a hero after all. It shouldn't be strange if I want to kill the demon king." (*Kearuga*)

I show the hero's carved seal that's on the back of my hand which I usually hide by covering it with cosmetics. The middle-aged man swallows his breath. I am one of humanity's strongest violence devices who are natural enemies of demons and monsters; it's understandable that they would be wary of me.

"I don't want you to misunderstand, I won't indiscriminately attack you guys just because you're a demon. My only aim is the current demon king. I thought that I want to make Eve the next demon king for the sake of peace. Eve at least has the room to negotiate with humans as a demon king after all. For the sake of peace between humans and demons, I want her to become the demon king by all means." (*Kearuga*)

There is no falsehood in this, and it is my true opinion. It is extremely convenient if Eve becomes the demon king. It's the part where my interests match with the kokuyoku race. The middle-aged man is desperately thinking whether my words were lies.

"I thank you for saving Eve-himesama. However, I cannot quite trust you." (???)

"To be honest, whether you trust me or not is a trivial matter. If I feel like it, I can directly massacre you people. It would be useless to even try being cautious, and I have no reason to deceive you." (*Kearuga*)

I'll clearly tell him who the one on a higher position is. I have the option to take his life or not, and it would be troubling if he misunderstands that.

"It seems you are not bluffing. You seriously think that you can beat us." (???)

"Of course. If I wasn't strong, Eve would have been snatched away by the demon king's assassin long ago. Furthermore, I am protecting Eve because I love her, so I don't want to make her sad.... Therefore, I don't want you to make me do anything that would make Eve sad." (*Kearuga*)

This is a threat. I am saying I will kill him if he opposes me. It seems that intention was properly transmitted to him.

"...I understand. I will believe you. In that case, Eve-himesama, one more question. For what reason did you come here?" (???)

Now, from here on out is the main question.

"I came here to take the god bird Caladrius's trial together with these people. If I keep running place to place from being afraid of the demon king, someday, I will definitely be caught. Therefore, I will obtain the god bird and start attacking!" (*Eve*)

The agitation of people from the kokuyoku race who were plenty agitated until now became even bigger.

"It's impossible. Even Eve-sama should know. Many capable people until now took the trial, but not a single person came back and succeeded!" (???)

"But the founder of the Reese family succeeded! In that case, I should also be able to do it. Besides, I have strong allies." (Eve)

Hou, that's quite a cute thing to say. Eve's trust feels good.

"You cannot do it. You are our hope. Conceal your breath and hide, so that when you become the demon king someday, the kokuyoku race can regain their former prosperity. Therefore, hold back for now and—" (???)

"I can't keep running away for ever. I know that the most. If I hadn't met Kearuga, I would have died. Many people died while trying to protect me. This is probably the first and last chance to attack. I don't want to let this go." (Eve)

I'm surprised.

I was certain that she reluctantly came to receive the god bird's trial after I told her to, but she properly thought about it herself and is resolved to challenge the god bird's trial of her own will.

"Eve-himesama, however, however!" (???)

"Don't worry. I have become strong, and as far as I know, these people are stronger than anyone I have ever met... I won't tell you to meet us at the village. Since we are heading to the sacred mountain where the god bird is, don't hinder us." (Eve)

The middle-aged man closes his eyes, and broods.

And then, he opens his eyes and takes a long breath.

"You have grown, Eve-himesama... If your growth is due to this man, it might be fine to believe. If you are challenging the trial, you should be prepare yourself by being in a perfect condition. We will guide you to my village. It is not anything great, but we will welcome you with the maximum respect." (???)

"Thank you, Miru-jii." (Eve)

"You finally called me by that name. Your old man is happy. Everybody, please guide these people to our village." (Miru)

Hearing those words, the kokuyoku race began to move.

Good grief, it seems she somehow persuaded them.

It helped that they are unexpectedly open-minded. Thanks to that, we avoided the situation where I massacre all of them and have Eve hate me.

That middle-aged man... Miru-jii turns around and looks at both of our faces.

"So, Eve-himesama. This gentleman... Kearuga-sama said he fell for Eve-himesama, but what does Eve-himesama think of him?" (Miru)

Eve becomes flustered by the obvious question, and looks at my face.

I sweetly smile at her. I won't give her a lifeboat. After all, only Eve knows her own feelings.

"More than friends, but we're not in an intimate relationship!" (Eve)

With a flushed face, Eve lets loose some questionable words.



Miru-jii and I laugh.

I see, more than friends, but not in an intimate relationship huh. In that case, I'll need to work hard so we can quickly become lovers.

While thinking about that, I stroke Eve's head while saying she did well. Eve doesn't dislike it when I stroke her.

## **Chapter 05: The healing magician becomes the clean Kearuga-sama**

I was invited to the village that worships the god bird, where the survivors of the kokuyoku race are living. There are a few things I absolutely have to do here.

One is preparing my physical condition. It seems the time we can receive the god bird's trial relates to the stars, so we can take it in a few days. I'm grateful that we can use this as our base until then.

At noon, we will raise our levels and eat talent value-raising monsters so we can become stronger. I don't want to lose chances where we can earnestly raise our levels. When I think about it like that, Buranikka's war was a failure. If I had been in a party with Flare, we could have hit at random with wide area magic and raise our levels. Eve and Setsuna would have become much stronger if we did that. Both their talent values are quite high, but their levels are still not that high.

"At any rate... it seems their lifestyles aren't that good." (*Kearuga*)

While looking around the village, my voice leaks out.

Everyone is thin, and they have no energy.

"The land around here is infertile, so our crops are insufficient. Even if we try to obtain blessings from the forest, there are too many strong monsters that we can't hunt or harvest sufficiently. It would have been fine if we could control monsters like other demons, but only the god bird-sama has been allowed for us, the kokuyoku race." (*Miru*)

I see, although they are working hard at farming, their crops are insufficient and there are few methods to obtain food other than that. They had probably been receiving backing from the kokuyoku race's country until now.

After losing that, life became difficult, but having said that, they are in a situation where they can't escape to another country either.

"I understand the situation. Eve, you're called himesama by them, so I'm sure your social status is high." (*Kearuga*)

"That's a kind of unpleasant way of saying it." (*Eve*)

"I don't have any bad intentions, but don't you think that as a princess, you should save your people?" (*Kearuga*)

Since I have quite a diligent personality, I decided to earn points with Eve.

While I'm at it, to live comfortably in this village, I should also let the villagers remember me as a good person.

"No way, is that..." (*Eve*)

"Let's go hunting. If we get a bear or a huge wild boar, they will have plenty to eat. Judging from the appearance, there are around a hundred people in this village. If you work hard, you will be able to let all the villagers eat to their heart's content. It might just be a temporary measure, but it should be better than not having an occasional feast." (*Kearuga*)

If we meet a large wild boar, it will amount to two hundred and fifty kilograms. Around 60% of it is edible, so it would be a hundred and fifty kilograms. With that much meat, all the villagers will be able to eat to their heart's content. If we hunt three or four, side dishes won't be a problem for a while.

Adding some colour to the villagers' days of enduring adversity and difficulty will surely encourage them. The middle-aged man called Miru-jii opens his eyes widely.

"That would be appreciated! If we are able to obtain meat, everyone will surely be delighted by the feast!" (*Miru*)

"Miru-jii or whatever, look forward to it. Hunting is my speciality. When we camp, my party usually procures our food locally." (*Kearuga*)

Apart from wanting to earn points with Eve and the villagers, I also want to eat delicious food. In this state, they don't have the room to welcome us and it would be awkward to make them overdo it. Therefore, we will conversely give them food to eat.

"Suspicious, to think Kearuga would ordinarily say something like such a good person." (*Eve*)

"That's so cruel to doubt me. At my core, I'm a good person. I'm just a bit uncooperative and won't become obedient." (*Kearuga*)

"Kearuga, I think those words are an insult to all the people in this world who are truly good people." (*Eve*)

"No matter how you think about it, aren't you being more rude!?" (*Kearuga*)

'I'm a good person at my core.' I don't know any words more convenient than those.

Afterwards, Miru-jii gave us one vacant house that's okay to use. It means that our party is allowed to use it during our stay in the village. I can't say it's that much of a good house, but there is a ceiling. That much should be plenty.

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After leaving our luggage, we immediately entered the mountains. We split up into two groups and are taking action.

Freya who can use **[Heat Detection]** to find prey and Setsuna who has hunting knowledge and experience paired up. And then, I paired up with Eve and Ellen. As long as our group has me, we should be able to manage somehow.

Splitting into two groups is more efficient for raising our levels and hunting. Since both parties have a hero, the EXP is twofold.

If Freya and I were together, the EXP would be fourfold, but if our hunting efficiency becomes twofold, then we would still get that EXP, and since we promised to bring back plenty of food, I want to gain numbers.

While humming unconcernedly, I throw a knife without delay. The knife flies like an arrow, and brings down one pheasant that was flying in the sky.

I pick it up, pull out my knife, drain the blood and put it in the basket on my back. Pheasants are quite delicious. It's a good omen.

"Kearuga, you're so skillful it's unpleasant." *(Eve)*

"I am used to hunting after all. Maybe I hadn't told you. I was the only son of an apple farming family, and while I wasn't taking care of the apples, I would go hunting together with my father." *(Kearuga)*

My status has jumped up compared to back then, but I learnt the fundamental movements.

"You were in an apple farming family? It doesn't suit you. I thought you were a thief, bandit or a pirate." *(Eve)*

"It seems I need to slowly have a discussion with you, Eve. It's true that I was a virtuous and diligent apple farmer. Do you want me to make you an apple pie next time? I'm quite good at making pastry." *(Kearuga)*

"It increasingly doesn't suit you!" *(Eve)*

She's saying quite horrible things. What does she think I am.

"Kearuga-niisama's apple pie seems delicious." *(Ellen)*

On the other hand, former princess Norn... Ellen obediently believes what I say.

Haha, she's a cute one. I'll reward her in plenty on top of the bed.

"For the obedient Ellen, I'll let you eat Eve's portion of the apple pie." *(Kearuga)*

"Uwaa! Lovely!" *(Ellen)*

"Ah, I'm going to eat it as well!" *(Eve)*

It's a pleasant spectacle. I'm not particularly a lolicon, but I enjoy it when I see little girls have fun.

Now, we shouldn't be talking anymore. I've found some prey.

"Both of you, quiet. I found a monster with my **[Presence Detection]** . Hou, it's just right. I thought it would be nice to get a wild boar, but to think it would be a wild boar type monster." *(Kearuga)*

I put power into my **[Jade Eyes]** . My eyesight is strengthened, and I perceive a monster two hundred meters ahead with my eyes. Furthermore, my **[Jade Eyes]** sees through the monster's power.

The enemy's name is Tyrant Boar. it's a large wild boar type monster. It seems just one would have around four hundred kilograms. The tip of it's nose is harder than any high quality rock, it has a brutal fang, and although one eye is smashed, the eye on the other side is shining with the colour of blood.

Monsters are afflicted with miasma, so normally eating it would be poison itself, but it can quickly change into a feast if I **[Purify]** it with my power. That looks appetizing. Huge ones are good.

Eve opens her mouth.

"A wild boar type monster? Is it big?" *(Eve)*

"Yeah, it's huge. Normal wild boars are no match for it's size. It has around four hundred kilograms." *(Kearuga)*

"Yay, now everyone in the village can have a feast." *(Eve)*

Eve is delightful she can please her friends. ... If I erase my presence and suddenly cut the Tyrant Boar's neck, it should be easy to kill it in one hit. However, I purposely don't choose that. Since we're doing this, I decided to train Eve.

"Eve, it doesn't matter where, just point your finger." (*Kearuga*)

"Li-. like this?" (*Eve*)

Eve stretches her finger forward. I embrace Eve from her back, and point her finger exactly at the Tyrant Boar's temporal region.

Eve can't see it. There are countless obstacles that obstruct her field of vision. Only I can see it due to **[Jade Eye]'s** clairvoyance ability.

"Wai-, Kearuga, what are you doing!?" (*Eve*)

"Listen, Eve. Despite it's looks, the Tyrant Boar is quite sensitive to presences, and it's a coward. It's sense of smell is also good. There's the concern that it might notice us if we approach it and run away. That thing is a fast runner. If it runs, you probably won't be able to catch up." (*Kearuga*)

"Eh, Kearuga, no way." (*Eve*)

"I want to aim at it from here. If you fire your light magic straight from your finger, it will pierce through its brain in one hit. Now, let's do it. It's standing still right now, and if you fire in the direction I pointed, you can defeat it." (*Kearuga*)

Eve starts trembling. She must be scared.

"Impossible, it's impossible. Kearuga, you do it. Since, if I make a mistake." (*Eve*)

Eve isn't just scared of missing and being shamed.

She's afraid of not being able to let the kokuyoku race, who are waiting in anticipation, have a feast because of her own failure.

"If you miss, it will probably be surprised and run away. That would be terrible. We might not be able to find any more big game like this." (*Kearuga*)

"Please, impossible, Kearuga, you do it. If you defeat this one, I will do the next." (*Eve*)

Her voice is shaking.

Eve also knows starvation. Therefore, she also knows how much the people of her same race are suffering. It's the critical moment whether she can let people of her same race who exceed one hundred eat to their heart's content or not. There's no way she wouldn't be scared.

"It would be impossible for me. I don't have the confidence to approach it without being noticed. Only you can bring it down. Or else, is it fine? It might run away while you're just idling like that you know?" (*Kearuga*)

Eve's trembling becomes bigger.

To put pressure on her, I purposely lied to her, saying I can't do it. I think the reason Eve isn't growing is because she doesn't have the resolution.

When she fires magic, there is no desperateness in each shot. She thinks it's fine even if she misses. Therefore, she doesn't learn it even if she



repeats it, and she doesn't study from her mistakes. Therefore, I made this situation where she has no choice but to be serious. Now, she is either going to keep grumbling that she can't do it, or resolve herself.

"I, I need to do it." (*Eve*)

Hou, she properly got the willingness. To use the light attribute magic, she gathers mana on her fingertip. She focuses only on the direction her finger is pointing.

This is my first time seeing Eve concentrate this seriously. ... Her mana convergence ratio is good.

Normally, Eve would have been just short of concentration around now, and her mana leaks without being able to collect.

"Kearuga, it really is fine if I just shoot from my finger tip, that's all I need to do, right? I can't see it, but it's fine right?" (*Eve*)

"Yeah, your light magic should be able to smash through all the obstacles and shoot it." (*Kearuga*)

It never curves. As long as the user shoots it, this overwhelmingly powerful light magic will certainly capture its target.

"Okay. I'll believe you." (*Eve*)

"Go for it, Eve." (*Kearuga*)

**"Yeah... [Arrow of Light] !" (*Eve*)**





And then, one long straight beam of light fires from Eve's fingertip. It goes through trees, rocks and everything that blocks the path to the Tyrant Boar's temporal region, and shoots the target.

I can see everything with **[Jade Eyes]**. There's a beautifully opened hole from the obstacles to the Tyrant Boar... This is tremendous. The Tyrant Boar crumbles down.

"Hey, Kearuga, I, properly did it, everyone's feast, properly, properly."  
(Eve)

On the verge of tears, Eve comes clinging to my chest. I love this part about Eve.

"You properly defeated it. Let's go collect the corpse now. I have to drain the blood and **[Purify]** it. With that size, it will become a feast today, and if they preserve it, everyone's dining table in the village will be bustling for a few days." (Kearuga)

"Yay! That's good, if I missed, I wouldn't have been able to face everyone." (Eve)

Eve sits down on the spot.

I smile, and stroke her head. Normally Eve would shyly knock me away, but she's giving herself to me.

"You did well. Remember the sensation of that magic you just used. It went right where you aimed, so you can do it well next time as well."  
(Kearuga)

"Yeah! I feel like that too. Thanks, Kearuga." (Eve)

Eve has certainly grown a lot. The Tyrant Boar is big game. It will become a feast, and we raised our levels as well. However, rather than that, Eve's growth itself is the greatest harvest.

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We will gather in the meeting place when the sun goes down, and we have hunted three different types of monsters so far.

After draining the blood to make it lighter, I go to the meeting place while shouldering the Tyrant Boar with courage. Eve's growth is quite good, and all the monsters after that were found by me and killed by Eve.

At this rate, she should become first rate in the blink of an eye. Well, since she's a demon king in the future, I know that as long as she has the chance, she could have grown from the start.

"Fufu, Kearuga, with this, I am a hero." (Eve)

"Yeah, that's a good achievement. You should be proud of it." (Kearuga)

"I'm happy. Since I was just being spoiled until now, I hadn't ever done something for others. I want to quickly return to the village, fufu." (Eve)

Eve is in such a good mood she is skipping. How lovely.

We arrive at the meeting place. Eve's face is stiff. Setsuna is waving at us with all her power.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna worked hard. Hunted big game. Praise her."  
(Setsuna)

Setsuna and Freya are already at the meeting place.

Setsuna also brought game. And it's a bear monster that is one size bigger than the wild boar Eve killed...

"Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

While swinging her wolf tail, Setsuna comes closer until she's right in front of me and swings her tail.

With a cramped smile, I stroke her, and Setsuna jumps into my chest, embracing me.

"Amazing, big game. It was tiring to carry it. Everyone in the village will be glad." (*Setsuna*)

I look at Eve's face.

She has teary eyes.

"Setsuna you idiot!!" (*Eve*)

That was the moment when today's hero went from Eve to Setsuna.



We bring back a gigantic bear and a gigantic wild boar monster. Seeing that, the villagers become greatly pleased.

At the start, they were cautious of it because it was monster meat, but they understood it from the existence of **[Purify]** and Eve saying she always eats it.

After that, several adults ate it and judged it was safe, so everyone rushed over. Miru-jii calls out to us, brings over big pots from every family with multiple villagers and started cooking an organ stew.

They burnt a grand fire in the village's plaza, and started spit-roasting lumps of meat that are suspended on a ridiculously long skewer. Apart from that, all the women and children started making preserved food by pickling it in salt and smoking it.

The wild boar and the bear almost amount to one ton. Here is six hundred kilograms of edible parts. The large quantity of preserved food is distributed among every family.

While we idly gaze at that situation, Miru-jiii comes over.

"We will have a festival when the sun sets! Please enjoy the kokuyoku race's traditional stew cuisine, Mirutagga, and the spit roasted Carubora!" (*Miru*)

Once he says that, he returns to his work.

It seems he returned to preparing the gigantic spit-roast. Eve mutters a few words.

"This is nostalgic. When the kokuyoku race gets a big game, they would share the game equally like this. Without knowing that, you suggested you go hunt, but everyone is happy from reminiscing the past... so, thanks. Even you occasionally do good things." (*Eve*)

"Saying occasionally is unnecessary" (*Kearuga*)

"Today's Kearuga was a clean Kearuga." (*Eve*)

"I don't know the difference between with what I usually do though." (*Kearuga*)

An ale barrel is carried over. It seems they are treating us to ale for free.

When the kokuyoku demons making the spit roast and the kokuyoku demons making the organ stew each shout out they finished cooking, everyone gathers all at once.

“Well, I guess we’ll go too!” (*Kearuga*)

“Nn. Kearuga-sama, Setsuna will eat till the limit.” (*Setsuna*)

“This sort of this is good as well, Kearuga-sama.” (*Freya*)

“Setsuna, restrain yourself a little bit. ...When you are serious, you’ll eat everything after all.” (*Eve*)

“Kearuga-niisama, let’s quickly go.” (*Ellen*)

Everyone seems to be having fun. At the start, it was to gain points with Eve and the kokuyoku race, whatever they say, I’m happy everyone is enjoying it.

The words of the old people are quite to the point.

...Kindness is not for the sake of people. Well, we should also go. Today’s ale, organ stew and spit-roast is not luxurious, but they are definitely the greatest feast.



## Chapter 06: The healing magician obtains an egg

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The kokuyoku race's village is festival merrymaking.

Since I'm full, I watch people from the kokuyoku race dance around the gigantic open fire that was prepared to make the gigantic spit-roast with distant eyes.

The organ stew and spit-roast that the kokuyoku race made was superb. The organs that were boiled with seasoning made from beans was soft and had no stench. The affinity of the sweet flavouring and the viscous organs were splendid. It seemed like the spit-roast was just simple and only salted, but it had the deliciousness of being simple.

According to Eve, when the kokuyoku race acquires a big game, they turn all the organs that are quick to rot into stew, eat it in two or three days, spit-roast the soft, high-quality parts and lavishly enjoy it the day after the hunt. And then, the remaining parts are preserved and shared between each house.

Since there were two big game yesterday, everyone in this village were able to eat to their heart's content. The whole village became cheerful at once.

Some of the villagers told us that thanks to us, they were able to eat a feast after such a long time, and cried while lowering their heads to me. Even for me, it was beyond expectations that they would be this cornered, so it was a bit awkward.

"Kearuga, thanks. Thanks to you, everyone was pleased." *(Eve)*

"You are welcome. You probably see me in a slightly different light now. From now on, you may call me the gentle and compassionate Kearuga-sama." *(Kearuga)*

"Saying something like that ruins it all!" *(Eve)*

Eve yells with a stern expression. Even though she doesn't have to be that angry.

It's just the usual Kearuga joke. Eve turns her face away, and timidly reaches out her hand.

"What's that hand? Do you want pocket money or something?" *(Kearuga)*

"Of course not! You like me, so I'll dance with you." *(Eve)*

A dance invitation huh.

It does seem fun.

"This is my first time seeing that dance. Can I entrust you to lead me?" *(Kearuga)*

"Leave it to me. Dancing is my strong point." *(Eve)*

I take Eve's hand. Eve is spreading her wings. She always hid them in Buranikka, but when I look at them like this...

"Your wings are beautiful." *(Kearuga)*

"Wha-, don't say something strange like that all of a sudden! Pervert!" *(Eve)*

"I won't deny that it's indecent, but I don't understand what you mean."  
(Kearuga)

Aren't there some problems with the kokuyoku race who are exposing something they are embarrassed of being praised of like this?

"Geez, let's go already." (Eve)

To hide her embarrassment, Eve hurries me by pulling on my hand.

I stand up, and follow her. I feel lines of sight on my back. Setsuna and everyone is looking at me with eyes full of expectation.

I know. I'll properly dance with Setsuna and the others afterwards. I am an owner that takes good care of his property (toys).

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After we finished eating, dancing and partying, we return to the house we are borrowing.

Even I, who has confidence in his stamina, tires after dancing with everyone...But it was fun.

In the house, I use one room with the woman I make love to that day, and everyone else is in the usual assignment of rooms.

From tomorrow as well, we will go to the forest again to raise our levels. While we're at it, we will also acquire food. If it's pickled in salt, it will stay preserved for almost a year. It's not a bad idea to let the kokuyoku race not have any problems with food even after we're gone. Fortunately, it seems we can collect rock salt nearby, and it doesn't look like they're troubled for salt either.

"Kearuga-sama~" (Setsuna)

With a sickly-sweet voice, Setsuna calls out to me.

She has already taken off her clothes, and is hiding her important place with her white tail. This kind of gesture is quite arousing. Today, I will give Setsuna love.

As expected, Setsuna is good. She has a sense of security and I'm the most familiar with her. Besides, she's lovely. When I play bite her white wolf ears, she raises a lovely voice. I'll take care of her tail while I'm at it.

"I properly love you as well." (Kearuga)

Setsuna loves stimulus to her body, but she's especially delighted when I say I love her.

I quite like seeing this reaction.

And there is one girl that is staring intently at this from the corner of the room. Despite not being forced to do so, Eve punctually comes to watch.

She's rubbing her inner thigh while watching Setsuna and I. I know the reason.

When she hid while watching us, she could comforted herself, but in a situation where she's openly watching us like this, she can't comfort herself. After all, even Eve wouldn't be able to do that kind of thing in front of me.

She must feel more irritated than ever before to be in a situation where she can't touch it while feeling aroused. It's just as I planned.

After I give love to Setsuna, it will be Eve's turn. Today, on top of being extremely aroused, she has a past record of being given love by my hand, and her intimacy degree is soaring.

Oh yeah, I should give her love with my tongue today. Once that finishes, next I will take one step forward and ask to have intercrural sex with me, and next is... I will finally eat her. The destination is long, but I'll certainly advance forward.

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"Kearuga-sama. Love you." (*Setsuna*)

In a limp state, Setsuna murmurs that with a befuddled face.

I gave Setsuna enough love until her legs and loins couldn't stand up.

I cover a blanket over her. Setsuna makes a happy smile when I kiss her, and falls asleep.

"I made you wait, Eve." (*Kearuga*)

"I-I wasn't waiting, hmph! I'm definitely not thinking of anything strange." (*Eve*)

She is denying it with a flushed face, but she doesn't have any persuasive power.

I smile wryly, embrace her from the back, put my hand in her clothes and touch Eve.

Without refusing it, Eve entrusts her body to me.

It seems she's ready. She keeps reacting to my hand.

"Eve, lets kiss." (*Kearuga*)

"Kissing is no good. That kind of thing." (*Eve*)

"We're more than friends but not in an intimate relationship right? Besides, we've come this far. Kissing should be fine as well. You know, kissing feels good." (*Kearuga*)

Because I embraced her from the back, I can't see Eve's face, but even her ears are bright red.

Since I showed her plenty of passionate kisses with Setsuna just, she must have a keen interest in it.

"Hey, Kearuga, you love me right?" (*Eve*)

"That's right. Therefore, I'm taking good care of you like this. I won't go this far for a woman I don't even like." (*Kearuga*)

Precisely because it's Eve, I am undergoing stages without making her head go blank from drugs.

"In that case, it's fine. We can kiss. I don't hate you either." (*Eve*)

The princess's permission was given.

I turn over Eve's body and make her face this way. Eve's eyes are moist. It's very erotic.

"Thanks. Then, let's kiss." (*Kearuga*)

I join my lips with her and do an adult kiss. I'll teach her the great parts of kissing in plenty. Eve's dorsal muscles instinctively extend, and then it relaxes.

Now, the night is long. With every possible method apart from insertion, I'll give Eve love.

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I wake up.

Uuun~~~~, it's a good morning.

Yesterday was satisfying. I never would have thought Eve would give me that kind of service.

I'm looking forward to the next night. While thinking about that, Setsuna gives me her morning service. The morning isn't a shift system, and it's only left to Setsuna, so it's her special right. Eve isn't here yet. She's sleeping soundly. Once her service finishes, Setsuna opens her mouth.

"Kearuga-sama, what are we doing today?" (*Setsuna*)

"We'll be raising our levels at noon, and sometime in the afternoon, we're going to Miru-jii or whatever's place. Even though Eve knows about the god bird's trial, she doesn't know the content yet. I want to gather as much information possible." (*Kearuga*)

I have heard the general idea. The god bird's trial is to overcome the disease the god bird scatters. We should be able to handle it easily with my **[Recovery Heal]**.

However, I want to be extra careful. I will gather all the information I can gather.

"Nn. Okay, then Setsuna will wake everyone up." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna puts on clothes and leaves the room.

Well, I guess I should make breakfast. I have to make something that will energize them, since I can't give love to everyone.

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By the time I realized it, it became the evening. We have just returned to the village after finishing raising our levels and securing food. Moreover, I have also harvested mountain grapes and cranberries that I coincidentally found.

"I can make sweets for the first time in a while. It seems like it will please Setsuna and everyone." (*Kearuga*)

Along with this, I also have wheat and goat milk that the villagers shared with me. With this much, I should be able to make a sweet pie. I can make sweets for the first time in a while. Girls like sweets things. They will surely be delighted.

After passing the game to the villagers, I head to Miru-jii's residence. In the morning, I already requested him to make time for the evening.

Since it would be a bother to intrude with a large number of people, I only took Eve and Freya with me, leaving both Setsuna and Ellen behind.

About this time, Setsuna is probably training Ellen.

Ellen has no talent, but she has guts. She started getting stamina by the day. Once a month passes, she should grow enough to keep in pace with our journey.

When we arrive at Miru-jii's residence, we are lead to the guest room. After waiting around five minutes, Miru-jii comes over. A wooden box is in his hand.

"Hello Kearuga-dono. I am sorry for having to make you come here."  
(*Miru*)

"No, I am also sorry for abruptly intruding on you... I am going straight to the point, but let us enter the main question. We will receive the god bird's trial, and obtain god bird Caladrius. For that reason, I have come to ask whether there are any legends or details about the god bird's trial."

(*Kearuga*)

Miru-jii makes a pondering gesture.

I asked other villagers, but he is this village's elder. There aren't any people that know more about the god bird than him.

"A few legends have remained. According to it, what it tests is also the strength of your body, but most of all your mind. If your mind isn't strong, the trial cannot be passed... specific things have not remained. After all, only the founder of the Reese family returned after challenging it, so we cannot gain any information." (*Miru*)

It tests your mind huh. I see, interesting.

"No, it is plenty. Thank you very much. I can use it as reference."  
(*Kearuga*)

The strength of your mind huh, as someone who has a delicate mind, it's quite a harsh trial for me.

However, I should be able to endure it if I have resolve.

"If I became of help, that is good. ... And Kearuga-dono, I have something I want you to accept." (*Miru*)

Miru-jii presents the wooden box before me. It's the item he carried into this room. I had been strangely curious about it from some time ago.

"Am I allowed to open it?" (*Kearuga*)

"By all means. I carried it in for that reason." (*Miru*)

I open the wooden box.

Inside, an egg that has a large amount of straw and talismans on it is there.

"What could this be?" (*Kearuga*)

"It is the god bird's egg." (*Miru*)

"Wha-, am I allowed to receive such a treasure?" (*Kearuga*)

If it really is a god bird's egg, it would be so valuable it's priceless. Even if don't receive the god bird's trial, we can obtain a god bird by raising this.

"Yes, you have worked hard for the sake of this village. Above all, Eve-sama trusts you. From the beginning, I am Eve-sama's father. Amuda-sama requested me to entrust this to the person that will someday become Eve's husband." (*Miru*)

Hearing that, Eve's face becomes red.

"I'm not, like that yet with Kearuga!" (*Eve*)

Hou, 'yet' huh.

She's saying things that make me happy.

"As someone who has been watching you since you were young, this Miru understands. That this person is a special person for Eve-sama. And you have also said you love Eve-sama. To that you, I entrust this egg."

*(Miru)*

To think he would entrust Eve and this treasure because he believes me; he has quite a discerning eye. I am pleased by this offer. However, there is something I absolutely can't get off my mind.

"... Why did the kokuyoku race not use this egg? If you controlled it after raising this god bird, you wouldn't have been this cornered by the demon lord." *(Kearuga)*

I don't understand their reason for leaving alone this thing that will become fighting power no matter how you look at it.

"We were not able to hatch it. This egg grows by eating mana, and it can only eat accept the mana from the person it first took mana from. Even for the god bird, it can only raise one egg at a time. If a different egg is born while it is raising another egg, it throws away that egg. ... And the one that was thrown away like that is this egg. Members of the village have already tried it, but there wasn't anyone who had the mana to raise this egg."

*(Miru)*

I see, so that's why it was inherited for generations as treasure without being used.

"I will thankfully accept it. I will also obtain the god bird you people worship, and I will safely hatch this as well. If there are two god birds, it is all the more reassuring." *(Kearuga)*

In the worst case, there's a possibility I can't hatch it, but in that case I'll entrust it to Freya. She is the hero of **[Magic]** and is the world's strongest magician. If even Freya can't do it, there's nothing we can do about it anymore.

"One correction, it is not a god bird that is born from the god bird's egg. Monsters that are called god gives birth to divinity. What the god bird's egg eats is not just mana, but also leaking minds and thoughts, so as a result, it becomes a suitable divinity for the one that raised the egg. There is truly an infinite variety of it's appearance and nature." *(Miru)*

"Hou, interesting." *(Kearuga)*

A monster that strongly receives my influence huh.

Similarly to me, it will surely be born as an angel-like monster. I'm looking forward to raising it from now.

"Well then, I will gratefully accept it." *(Kearuga)*

"Yes, I entrust Eve-sama and this egg to Kearuga-dono. Please make sure to always carry it with you. If you do that, it will eat the mana, emotional strength, spirit and everything that leaks from you, and will grow into a worthy divinity for you, Kearuga-dono... incidentally, there is no need to be careful while carrying it. Even if you strike it onto the floor with all your power, it is durable enough to be undaunted." *(Miru)*



"I understand. I will always carry it close to me from now." (*Kearuga*)

I'll make a dedicated backpack for it later. I also need to think about it's name. I should consult Setsuna and co later as well. It's our new comrade.

Not just information about the god bird, but I was even given an unexpected present. The day of the god bird's trial is almost here. At this rate, we will easily obtain the god bird and will be able to attack the demon king. We're doing quite well.

...However, my intuition is telling me; limited for these types of times, trouble always comes along.

## **Chapter 07: The healing magician pours mana into the egg**

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A day passed after I received the god bird's egg from Miru-jii.

Interestingly, it will not be born as a god bird, but it apparently changes its appearance after receiving the foster parent's mana and spirit influence.

The god bird's egg is a mirror that reflects your heart. It means that a monstrous monster would be born for a wicked person, and a clean monster for a good person. I'm looking forward to what monster it will be born into. I'm going to raise it, so it should be born as an extremely splendid monster.

However, there's a part I can't honestly feel delighted about.

According to Miru-jii, there is a need to wake up the egg at the start. With weak mana, the egg will not be able to wake up. It seems that half hearted mana is no good.

"To think it wouldn't even twitch after I pour in all my mana." (*Kearuga*)

I have already poured in mana once on the day I received the egg, and I splendidly failed.

It seems my normal amount of mana is not enough. Therefore, I have made elaborate preparations today. With **[Transformation Heal]**, I made my status extremely magician based.

Furthermore, even if my MP limit is raised, my aggregate amount isn't recovered by **[Transformation Heal]**, so I drank plenty of mana recovery potions, took a deep sleep and recovered my mana till the max. Since that is still not enough, I doped myself to forcibly recover mana until the limit.

"If even this is not good enough, then there's nothing I can do about it. I will make it receive my best." (*Kearuga*)

Now, this is my first and last chance. Concentrating my mind, I glare at the egg that's bigger than my head.

"Kearuga-sama, go for it." (*Setsuna*)

"Do your best! Kearuga-niisama." (*Ellen*)

While Setsuna swings her wolf tail, Ellen lets her pink hair flutter in the air and sends encouragement.

Incidentally, Freya and Eve are out shopping. We will finally depart to the god bird's trial in three days, so to prepare for the journey, I appointed Freya, who's used to shopping, and Eve, who is popular with the kokuyoku race to go shopping.

Thanks to us offering them a large quantity of meat, it feels like they will hand over the necessities.

Oops, my concentration was disturbed. I should put in more fighting spirit. I can't show these two an uncool scene. Alright, this time I will definitely do it!

"... This is my all. Take iiiiiiiiiit!" (*Kearuga*)

I gather all my mana in my right hand and strike the egg.

Due to the sudden disappearance of mana, a tremendous sense of fatigue assaults my body.

Clenching my teeth, I firmly endure it. As if I could stand losing. I will definitely bring forth a monster of divinity and raise it. There's no way I could abandon something that seems so interesting.

While enduring the sense of fatigue, I keep pouring in mana, but I'm uneasy about my remaining mana.

Is it still not enough!? My remaining mana is 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%...

It wasn't enough... it happened just while I was thinking that. The egg moved.

The throbbing is being transmitted to my palm.

"That gave me a hard time." (*Kearuga*)

I somehow succeeded.

The egg properly woke up and it started breathing. I sit down on the spot, and breath out in relief.

"Kearuga-sama, did your egg properly wake up?" (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna and Ellen rush over to me.

"Yeah, it properly woke up. You'll know if you touch it." (*Kearuga*)

Once I say that, the two of them repeatedly touch the egg with a keen interest in it.

"It's true, it's moving. Cute." (*Setsuna*)

"Kearuga-niisama, when will this child be born?" (*Ellen*)

That reminds me, I hadn't asked that.

When will that happen? I hear footsteps from the back, and when I turn around, I see Miru-jii.

"Since I felt an unbelievable mana, I came. Oou, as expected of son in law-dono. To think you would truly wake up the egg." (*Miru*)

... It's hasty to call me son in law. Since I can't be bothered to retort it, I'll ignore it.

In any case, it's good that he appeared just now. I'll ask him about the egg.

"I just barely made it, but it properly woke up. However, I am at a loss on what to do from now." (*Kearuga*)

"Umu, as it has started breathing like this, there isn't really anything you need to do. Now you just have to raise it by letting it arbitrarily suck the mana and spirit that you leak. Let's see. It was between two to three weeks in the legends." (*Miru*)

"I see, I can carry it with a peace of mind then." (*Kearuga*)

I'm saved.

Only waking it up demanded an enormous amount of mana, but it seems it won't be that burdening from now on. It would be tough if it required this much mana everyday. After this, I'll be able to comfortably spend my time.

"By the way, I am changing the topic, but I heard about it from a someone in the village. It seems you are departing in three days." (*Miru*)

"The time we have to take the god bird's trial is limited. I want to challenge it with as much room as possible." (*Kearuga*)

If I let this go, Eve said the next one would be in two months. I want to decrease as much risks as I can.

"In that case, I will give you one more charm. ... The kokuyoku race keep the remaining souls of their brethren in their wings. In other words, our wings have the power to lock up spirits and mana." (*Miru*)

"I know about that." (*Kearuga*)

... That's why I picked up the feathers Eve would occasionally shed.

It seems like feathers that carry mana and spirits can't come out, but since the other feathers extremely rarely fall out, I was securing it because it can be used as material for a good weapon. However, I had some difficulty because I didn't quite understand the manufacturing method. I can't make it a weapon as it is.

"This feather is a charm. It uses our nature, and is a feather arrow that is loaded with plenty of mana. While using magic, a first-rate magician can shoulder the amount of mana another consumes. Apart from that, if you throw it while shouting **[Kururina]**, it can be used as a bomb replacement." (*Miru*)

I was passed a bundle of ten feathers.

It seems it has been manufactured into a weapon, and it's even loaded with mana. The usability is good, and above all, it's great if I can learn the manufacturing method. If I study this, I should be able to use Eve's feathers as weapons.

"Thank you very much for everything." (*Kearuga*)

"No, we are grateful. You got Eve-sama's smiling face back. Since she became a demon king candidate, she became unable to smile. No matter what Eve-sama says, she trusts you." (*Miru*)

After just saying that, Miru-jii leaves.

..Without exaggeration, he's a good person. He loves Eve from the bottom of his heart, and since I'm the person Eve trusts, he even believed me, despite the fact that I'm human. I have taken a slight liking towards that person.

"My chest is noisy." (*Kearuga*)

However, I have a jinx. The people I am pleased with end up dying.

Anna-san, my first love, and Caruman, the merchant who was my close friend, were the same. It's ironic. Only the good guys keep dying.

I should pray so he won't end up like that. If we see this village destroyed by the demon king army when we return from the god bird's trial... if that happens, this battle will not be to help Eve, but for my revenge. At that time, I will become a revenge oni and will probably punish the current demon king of my own will.



And finally, the day of departure has come. We have raised our level everyday after coming to this village, and everyone has become stronger.

Especially Setsuna's growth is remarkable. Because this is territory that the demons control, strong monsters appear, which means that we can earn

a large quantity of EXP. I have frequently raised Setsuna's level limit, and by pouring EXP there, she has finally reached level 41.

Far from the a demi-human's average, it's a value that has even exceeded a human's average. She was already blessed with high talent values, abilities, skills and a fighting sense, so if she reaches this level, Setsuna wouldn't fall behind most people.

Speaking of growth, Eve has also achieved a great transformation. Thanks to instructor Setsuna's special, hell-like training, she's finally gotten stamina.

Moreover, the improvement of her magic precision is terrific. By having the experience of seriously firing her magic once, she learnt that sensation and kept practicing until her precision improved. The current Eve can be counted as a splendid fighting force.

"Kearuga-niisama! It has finally come!" (*Ellen*)

While making a clenched fist, Ellen roughly breathes through her nose.

As expected, I still can't count Ellen as part of our fighting power. Even so, she is steadily getting stronger, although slowly.

"Ellen, I'm not counting on you as fighting power. However, you're smart and good at observing. Warily look at the surroundings, to see if it's suspicious or strange. If you think so, report it to me." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, please leave it to me!" (*Ellen*)

I can count on Ellen's intellect. After all, she was princess Norn who tormented me plenty.

Well, right now she has to use all her might to follow us and probably doesn't have the room to observe the surroundings, but I'll look at it with a long-term view.

"Kearuga-dono! Eve-sama and everyone... I wish you luck in battle!"

I look in the direction I heard the voice, despite it being early morning, the kokuyoku race has come to see us off.

When I came here, I was surrounded with hostility, but to think they would come see us off when we're leaving... that's quite amusing.

"I'm off. I will definitely subdue the god bird! And then, once the god bird accompanies us, we will counterattack! After this, I won't let the demon king do as he pleases!" (*Kearuga*)

The kokuyoku race raises shouts of joy at my voice.

I got some goosebumps... It's because I unusually said a hero-like phrase.

We split up and ride on the two raptors. Of course, I am properly carrying the god bird's egg. I made a dedicated backpack for it, so that I can carry it without it falling. Putting in the whip, I make the raptor run.

I'll take the god bird's trial or whatever it's called. It's a trial that only Eve's ancestor succeeded in doing. I'm itching to put my skills to use. It truly seems interesting. To obtain a cute pet, I hasten the raptor.

## Chapter 08: The healing magician has a dream of the past

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I was in front of a grave.

It's father and mother's grave.

There was a person held up an umbrella for that me.

"Kearu-kun, about your mother and father... it's unfortunate. My parents said that if you're fine with it, you can live together with us. I would also be happy if you became my younger brother. Hey, can we live together?"

*(Anna)*

Anna-san is the person I yearn for who lives next to me. It seems she's worrying for me as I have no relatives.

...I'm glad it's raining today. If it wasn't raining today, the fact that I was crying would have been exposed to Anna-san.

Father and mother who went to sell the apples after harvesting them didn't come back.

From what I heard, it seems monsters assaulted the carriage. Not only my parents, but many other people didn't come back either. I had finally accepted reality, and was able to visit their graves.

"Anna-san, I won't go." *(Kearu)*

"But you're alone..." *(Anna)*

"Don't worry, I was properly taught the ways to live by father and mother. I can live alone. I'll be able to do it by growing apples and hunting."  
*(Kearu)*

I know that it's easier to be in Anna-san's house.

But I don't want that.

Just by imagining me living in happiness while forgetting about father and mother makes me nauseous.

"But Kearu-kun, you're still young." *(Anna)*

"That has nothing to do with it. The reason I came here today was to tell father and mother that I'm okay. I'm going to have them hear my vow. If, maybe, just maybe, I was able to get a strong occupation (class)... at that time, I will—" *(Kearu)*

Clenching my hands tightly, I swear to father and mother who are in heaven.

"—Become a hero. I'll defeat all the evil demons and never let such a sad thing happen again." *(Kearu)*

I decided that.

To become strong, I can't depend on others. From now on, I will live alone and fight alone.

Anna-san sadly laughs while looking at me and opens her mouth.

"If you don't get a strong occupation (class), and it's an occupation (class) that's completely not suited for fighting, what would you do?" *(Anna)*

"If that happens..." *(Kearu)*

I turn around and the answer...



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“Kearuga-sama, Kearuga-sama, wake up!” (*Setsuna*)

My body is being shaken by something soft.

I open my eyes.

There, I see a beautiful girl with white wolf ears and blue eyes.





"Setsuna huh, what happened?" (*Kearuga*)

I look at the surroundings, and see that it's still dim, early in the morning.

Right now, we are heading to the god bird's trial. Since the sun was setting, we should have made camp. Besides Setsuna, Freya is also here, and is comfortably sleeping naked.

If I remember correctly, yesterday was Freya's turn.

"Kearuga-sama, you were having a terrible nightmare. Setsuna was worried and woke you up." (*Setsuna*)

I see, so she became worried and woke me up huh.

I stroke Setsuna's head.

"Thanks. I was having a slightly unpleasant dream." (*Kearuga*)

"Scary dream?" (*Setsuna*)

"No, it wasn't scary. The former, foolish me was thrust before me, and I felt like vomiting." (*Kearuga*)

At that time, I had been under the impression that the monsters and tragedies would disappear if all the demons were killed.

... They were just illusions.

Even without demons, monsters keep gushing forth one after the other.

Rather, having demons controlling the monsters would cause less damage.

I was an idiot as a child. Since I was that idiotic, I was in high spirits after being chosen as the hero, so princess Flare and the king deceived and tricked me.

If I had even a little wariness, I'm sure it would have ended up differently.

Now that I think about it, on that day, what did I say I was going to do to Anna-san if I didn't get a strong occupation (class)? I can't remember.

Well, it's fine. It was probably just some childish nonsense anyways.

"Kearuga-sama's old dream? Come to think of it, you have never talked about your past. Setsuna is curious about what kind of child you were in your childhood." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna's eyes are shining with curiosity. She leans her body forward and swings her tail, which is cute.

I don't like stories about my past that much, but I guess it's fine to talk about it if Setsuna wants it.

"I was just an apple farmer's child. I grew apples, and in seasons where I couldn't deal with the apples, father and I would hunt together a lot. Apart from that, I was engrossed with earning extra money, since the reward from helping out with the apples and hunting was insufficient." (*Kearuga*)

In those days, I was relatively greedy for money. Therefore, I was doing various businesses even before I became ten.

"Kearuga-sama, what kind of things were you doing?" (*Setsuna*)

"When you're an apple farmer, there are a few apples that can't be sold as they were either bitten by insects, sunburnt, scarred, or has a bad shape.

I brought those to my parents, and sold them as juice after crushing them or turned them into sweets. Luckily, I got along with a sweets maker who had come to stock up on apples and was taught various things. Since then, thanks to me always selling juice and sweets, I became very good at pastry making." (*Kearuga*)

Come to think of it, I wonder if he's in good health. Even after father and mother died, he continued being my customer and bought the apples. He's about the only guy I can call my true friend that wasn't about profit and loss.

I want to meet him after a long time.

"Kearuga-sama, good at making sweets?" (*Setsuna*)

"Yeah, I'm quite good." (*Kearuga*)

After all, I have spent a considerable amount of years on it. For the sake of raising my proceeds, I tried to be original and devoted myself to it.

Before I knew it, my fans increased quite a bit, and it became a famous product in the village.

It advertised my parent's apples as well, so my father praised me for increasing the proceeds, which made me more motivated.

"That's surprising, since Kearuga-sama hasn't made any sweets before." (*Setsuna*)

"That's true. I guess I'll make some for our breakfast today." (*Kearuga*)

"Looking forward to it!" (*Setsuna*)

With the ingredients I have on hand, I should be able to do it. If Setsuna would be delighted, working hard for a bit would be fine.

Setsuna is swinging her tail. When I tightly grip that tail and play with it, Setsuna raises a sexy voice.

I give her an adult's kiss where we entwine our tongues, and Setsuna becomes satisfied, so I separate our mouths.

"Before sweets, it'll be the morning service." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Setsuna will do her best. Kearuga-sama will be given plenty of service." (*Setsuna*)

She started her morning service immediately. She's a lot more energetic than usual.

Once Setsuna finishes her service, she will take Freya, Eve and Ellen who have no stamina to give them intense training. During that time, I'll bake a pie or something. Sweets should pervade a tired body.

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After seeing them depart, I started my sweets making.

Add water, egg and oil into wheat flower, and knead it thoroughly. You have to let the batter rest for around an hour, but by activating the batter with **[Recovery Heal]**, I shorten the time.

Once the batter is done, next is the inside.

As expected, we don't have high-class things like sugar, so I concentrate the alcohol that was made from the potatoes on hand. The alcohol thereupon flies, and the sugar concentrates, turning into a sweet syrup.

The light brown, sticky syrup looks appetizing just by itself.

Here, I put in cowberries, mock strawberries, smashed walnuts, etc that I had collected to replenish our vitamins, and fry it while mixing it together with syrup.

The heat passes through, and after I confirm that the sweetness of the cowberries and mock strawberries had become strong, I shift the contents into a different container and wash the fry pan.

Well, I'll start baking the pie now.

"It would be better with an oven, but even without one, there's a way of doing it." (*Kearuga*)

I spread plenty of oil onto the fry pan. And then, I equally stick the thin pie batter onto the fry pan and turn on the heat. Once the pie batter heats enough, I pour in plenty of the syrup I had transferred to a different container inside it.

"I need to make a lid." (*Kearuga*)

Next to that, I grid-pattern pie batter, stick it onto a stone and bake it altogether. This will become the pie's lid.

After deciding that the pie batter on the fry pan has been heated enough, I use syrup and the remaining pie batter to stick the pie on the fry pan and the pie lid.

With this, the simple mock strawberry and cowberry pie is finished.

It has a sweet scent. Since we rarely eat sweets on a journey, they will surely be delighted.

"Well then, I'll transfer it to a plate." (*Kearuga*)

I transfer it onto a plate once the fry pan cools down. Because of the fry pan's shape, it's properly finished in a circular shape. The appearance of the grid-patterned pie lid compares favourably to a pie baked in an oven.

I'm looking forward to eating it.

If it's a fry pan-sized pie, everyone should be able to eat to their heart's content with just one... no, we have our Setsuna and Eve. I have time anyways, so I'll bake one more. Those children really eat a lot after all.

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"Kearuga-sama, we're back." (*Setsuna*)

"... Setsuna-chan, as I thought, you are an oni." (*Freya*)

"I think I've gotten quite used to it." (*Eve*)

With Setsuna at the front, Freya and Eve have returned.

Even further behind them, Ellen is following with unsteady steps. She joined late, but it seems she has the willpower to finish the training until the end.

"....Eh, Kearuga-sama, something is making a nice, sweet smell. There is no way this kind of smell would be here in the middle of the forest though..." (*Freya*)

Freya sniffs the air.

"It's true... ah, some time ago, Kearuga said he would bake an apple pie. Did you really make it!?" (*Eve*)

It seems Eve remembered our idle talk when we were on the raptor.

"Unfortunately, since I couldn't obtain any apples, what I made today is a mock strawberry, cowberry and walnut pie. It's sweet and has plenty of nutrients." (*Kearuga*)

Mock strawberries and cowberries are abundant in vitamins.

Plenty of nutrients is packed in the walnut's fat as well. If they eat the pie I made, they will become energetic again.

"Uwaa, I'm looking forward to it. My stomach is empty as well. Once Ellen-chan returns, let's have breakfast." (*Freya*)

After Freya says that, her stomach lets out a sound.

Before, she used to be groggy after Setsuna's training finishes and wasn't even able to eat breakfast, but she's considerably improved.

"Kearuga-niisama, finally... I have come back." (*Ellen*)

With a pale face, Ellen come back a bit late.

That worn-out state overlaps with Freya long ago. On the contrary, as long as she just tries hard, she should become as good as Freya right now.

"Good work, drink this and rest." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, thank you... very much." (*Ellen*)

She takes a seat, and gulps down the potion I handed her. This is a potion that has every principle component to gain stamina and has ingredients that recover fatigue.

It's slightly unfair, but if I don't give her this kind of thing, she will be down and unable to continue for the whole day today.

Ellen who finished drinking the potion became noticeably more energetic, and Freya was looking at that enviously.

I know how she feels, but since I can only rarely harvest the medicinal herbs to make this potion, I won't give it to Freya who is relatively calm.

"Well then, lets have breakfast. Enjoy the specially made pie that has plenty of sweet fruits." (*Kearuga*)

It's been a long time since I made sweets. Hopefully I made it well...

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I distribute the pie into five equal parts

Girls like sweet food. Following that rule, everyone apart from me had their eyes rooted to the sweets they haven't had for so long.

I was careful when I split it into five parts, because they might quarrel if the size is different. With all my power, I made them into even sizes...

However, even that consideration was useless. In the end, they quarrelled over which pie had the most fruits packed in it, so they decided to go in the order of the coin toss.

After this and that, our slightly delayed breakfast begins.

"Kearuga-sama, it tastes good. Setsuna wants to eat this pie everyday!" (*Setsuna*)

"It's crunchy, sweet and lovely." (*Freya*)

"... So it wasn't a joke when you said you make sweets. Sweets don't suit you. It's so frustratingly tasty though." (*Eve*)



“So Kearuga-niisama can even do this!” (Ellen)

Everyone is eating the pie in a daze. From seeing the way they eat it, I can tell it's not just flattery. I should also eat.

The pie batter is crunchy, and affinity of the concentrated alcohol syrup with the sweet and sour mock strawberry and cowberry is perfect. The walnuts used as the accent also makes a good flavour.

They are just on hand ingredients, but the quality was better than my expectations.

It's filling, and the sweetness is an incentive to eat it. I'm also happy that everyone is more delighted than I am. I'll make it again if there's a chance

I'll leave thinking about the future for later... there's something I have to do right now.

Setsuna and Eve, the schoolchildren without lunch group, are looking at their empty plates with lonely faces. It seems they've already eaten it.

“There's one more pie, so I'll cut it up for the people who want a seconds. Raise your hand if you want it.” (Kearuga)

When I say that, everyone raises their hands.

It's surprising Freya and Ellen are still going to have seconds. I smile wryly, and split the second pie into four equal pieces. I'm satisfied with one piece.

Setsuna and co are deliciously eating the pie that's cut even bigger than their first piece.

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While looking at these girls, I remember the continuation of my dream.

That time, I said this.

*‘If I can't get a strong occupation (class), I think I'll protect this apple orchard until I die. I'll make a lot of tasty apples and sweets, and let everyone who's living in this harsh world be happy! Even if I don't become strong and defeat demons or monsters, I'll support everyone by the things I make. I'll choose that way of fighting.’*

Maybe, if I wasn't chosen as a hero, right now I might have been living a lifestyle of growing apples, making apple pies and feeling happiness while watching the people that say it's delicious.

Around this time, I might have married as well.

“What is that...” (Kearuga)

I mock the illusion that was sweeter than the pie I made.

That path has already vanished long ago. I chose a different path.

I became the hero of **[Healing]**, degenerated into a brute, and even while being self-aware that I'm a brute, I'm doing whatever I want to my heart's content and will grab everything.

And also, I don't regret a single part of it.

I have money, I obtained the best women, and both my body and spirit is free. I obtained overwhelming power. As if there is any happiness better than this!

I eat the last piece of the pie that remained on my plate. This is the last time I'll soak myself in sweet sentimentality.

Tomorrow, the god bird's trial will start.

Like I am now, I'll behave however I want to.

"Were you the one that showed me that dream?" (*Kearuga*)

Since the dedicated backpack for the egg shook, I tried calling out to it.

The reason I had this dream might be because of this fellow, who grows as the owner's mirror. If so, it would be troubling. I don't want it to resemble my naive self that I have abandoned long ago.

Well, it's useless to just worry over it, since right now, I can only advance forward.

Once we finish breakfast, we will advance forward. Our plan is to arrive at the god bird's valley by tomorrow.

## **Chapter 09: The healing magician visits the god bird's canyon**

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After I filled their stomachs with the pie I made, we started running on the mountain road with the raptors.

Raptors are good; they can travel on any path, no matter how rough it is.

"Eve, this is the right way right?" (*Kearuga*)

"That's right. We will probably arrive before the sun sets." (*Eve*)

"I see. At any rate, we have free time huh." (*Kearuga*)

It's a mountain path with few trees.

There are no monster presences in the surroundings, so we can't even hunt. I'm already quite tired of the scenery as well. I want thrill.

"Oh yeah, Ellen. I thought of something good. What do you think of travelling while being tied together?" (*Kearuga*)

Entrusting your body to the raptor's jolting seems quite enjoyable. With that, we can have fun for a long period of time, and it will be a good recreation.

"... It is embarrassing, but if Kearuga-nisama desires it, it is fine." (*Ellen*)

Ellen becomes bashful, and her ears that can be seen through the cracks of her pink hair are red.

"In that case, face this way, embrace me, and hold my waist between both your legs..." (*Kearuga*)

"Kearuga's saying something weird again. Even though I only just recently saw you in a better light! Do you have a disease that won't let you feel satisfied unless you immediately spoil my opinion of you!?" (*Eve*)

Since Eve talked in a loud voice, the raptor becomes surprised and greatly shakes.

It was just a joke, but she became too serious. When she makes this kind of reaction, I conversely want to do it.

"It was just a Kearuga Joke. It's true that I thought it seemed fun though." (*Kearuga*)

"... That is unfortunate. Even though I thought Kearuga-nisama would give me love." (*Ellen*)

Ellen looks at Eve with a reproachful face, to which Eve makes a surprised face.

"Ellen, that will slowly happen tonight. Today's your day." (*Kearuga*)

"I am looking forward to it. I have always been eagerly waiting my turn!" (*Ellen*)

While saying that, Ellen leans on my chest.

Despite being small, this child is considerably indecent. She's proactive, so accompanying her is fun.

"By the way, Eve. I'll confirm it with you just in case, but you can't use the summoning magic which uses the souls of the kokuyoku race that dwell

in your wings right? I want to precisely confirm our hand before the god bird's trial." (*Kearuga*)

I remember the fight I had with Eve in the first world.

Her attack that summoned black winged angels in succession was extremely troublesome. It was strong enough to repulse the hero of the **[Sword]** , Blade, from the front. If possible, I want to rely on it.

"... I can't do it. I can't use that power." (*Eve*)

Eve said so with a tone of voice that sounded like there's a hidden meaning for it.

I instinctively understood it.

The reason she can't use it is not a problem about her level or ability, but an emotional one.

"I see. I won't rely on that. Also, since you've become considerably better at using light magic, you should practice darkness magic soon. That is useful in it's own way." (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, please. I also want to increase the things I can do." (*Eve*)

Ever since we went to the kokuyoku race's village, I feel like Eve has become more proactive than before. It should be fine to say that this was enough reason to go to the kokuyoku race's village.

Miru-jiisan's face comes to my mind. Ah, the string of my boots is cut. It would be good if nothing ominous happened.

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While fitting in a rest, we continue travelling for a few hours.

We have finally arrived at our destination. The canyon where the god bird lives. We are on the hill just before it, and this will be where we camp today.

"This is amazing, the whole canyon is covered in white fog... I sense strong mana from that fog." (*Kearuga*)

"That's not just any fog. The spacetime is warped. If you jump into it, you won't know where you're going to be hurled to. Only the god bird can freely move in that fog." (*Eve*)

"I see. So the reason you can only take the god bird's trial at decided times is because of that huh." (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, apparently the destination of the fog changes depending on the movement of the stars and the moon. Just for a several day period starting from tomorrow, the god bird's canyon connects with the other side of the fog. If we let this period go, it would be just a suicidal act to go there." (*Eve*)

That's an interesting mechanism. Also, we don't just need to be careful when we enter, but also when we leave.

"Can we properly get out?" (*Kearuga*)

"According to the legends, it seems you will be hurled to an unimaginable place if you go outside of the fog without being recognized by the god bird-sama. Once you enter, you can't even leave until the trial is over." (*Eve*)

"I understand the situation. We'll rest today, and early in the morning tomorrow, we're going to challenge the god bird's trial." (*Kearuga*)

Either way, the other side of the fog isn't connected to the god bird's canyon today.

Tonight, Eve will look at the stars and make the final decision of whether we can go or not.

Setsuna and Freya's raptor has caught up with us as well. Now, I guess we should start making camp.

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After we installed the camp, Eve and I went out to procure our dinner.

Since I sensed a monster's presence, Eve and I jumped out.

The monster we found is a large grey dog. It's characteristic is that it's forefeet are abnormally muscular and it's nails are enlarged.

"Eve, you can keep up right?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, I have a lot more stamina thanks to Setsuna after all." (*Eve*)

As expected of a dog type monster, it's quick.

The reason we can still follow it, is because our level rose and our status improved.

My **[Jade Eyes]** saw that that monster has adaptable genes, so I need to bring it down no matter what. I can easily catch up with it by making myself specialized in speed with **[Transformation Heal]** , but I'll have Eve try her best today.

I had just been thinking I want her to practice darkness attribute magic.

"Eve, try using darkness magic. It's fine with the most simple one.

Engulf the region surrounding that dog with darkness. Can you do it?" (*Kearuga*)

Darkness magic is literally magic that manipulates darkness. Unlike light and the other four attributes, it's hard to use it for direct attack power. Unless intermediate or higher magic is used, it doesn't become magic with destructive power. However, it is highly applicable and can make weak points for the opponent.

"Okay. I'll try it." (*Eve*)

"With all your power, and as wide as possible." (*Kearuga*)

"Watch me, haaaaa, **[Jet Black]** !" (*Eve*)

Eve spreads her wings and pushes out both her hands.

With the dog monster that's running with all it's power in the centre... was what was supposed to happen, but a black sphere came out from a deviated place, and the darkness spreads in one go.

Covered in darkness, it became unable to see forward, and I hear a thick sound.

My **[Jade Eyes]** can see everything. After losing its sight, the dog monster collided into a tree.

Suddenly making their field of vision disappear is quite an effective method.

"Eve, you did well. Next is light magic. Aim well." (*Kearuga*)

I stop, stand behind Eve and point her finger to the staggering dog monster. Since I can see even in the darkness, I can show her where to aim.

"Kearuga, is this fine?" *(Eve)*

"It's perfect." *(Kearuga)*

"In that case, here it comes. **[Arrow of Light]** !" *(Eve)*

A beam of light is fired from Eve's fingertip. The arrow of light cuts through the darkness, and advances in a straight line to the direction she pointed at.

She has considerably grown. Although it's a basic light magic, it properly flew in the direction she aimed at.

The arrow of light pierced through the dog monster's head. Eve's darkness disappears. It seems that Eve can also see the dog monster that had its head pierced through.

"I did it! Kearuga, I did it!" *(Eve)*

"You're good with the basics now. Let's use a more difficult magic next time." *(Kearuga)*

"Yeah! I'm looking forward to it. Recently, magic practice has been really fun!" *(Eve)*

Eve already has splendid fighting power.

Even if she just rapid-fires **[Arrow of Light]**, which has a strong penetrative power, from the back, it would be an extremely effective support.

"But are you able to teach me light and darkness magic? Especially the difficult ones." *(Eve)*

"A foolish question." *(Kearuga)*

Those two magic attributes are extremely rare. In reality, until I used **[Imitation Heal]** on Eve, I couldn't use them.

However, developing things once I gain them is my speciality. I know all the information and tricks regarding magic, and I was practicing it secretly.

"Well, just watch me." *(Kearuga)*

With **[Transformation Heal]**, I set light magic as one of my abilities. And then, on top of my palm, I made a ball of light and throw it up.

The ball of light bursts open, and eight arrows of light fire in every direction, cutting through the branches that bear fruit, dropping the fruits without wounding them.

The fallen fruits are picked up by a gentle wind, and are carried to my side.

"I think I want you to learn this much accuracy." *(Kearuga)*

"As if! Rather, why are you able to do it!?" *(Eve)*

"Talent and effort. Since you have more talent than me, as long as you put in effort, you will learn it. Well, let's head back. We got dinner and dessert after all." *(Kearuga)*

I'll turn this dog monster into stew.

Adaptable speed genes are quite valuable, and it's an important status. Furthermore, we should gain energy from eating the meat. It's a good way of cheering us up for tomorrow's trial.

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And now, it's dawn.

To preserve stamina for the trial, instructor Setsuna's training is taking a day off. We ate breakfast and have arrived in front of the fog.

"Now, let's all go. Once we enter, we can't leave until we achieve the trial. And also, if we fail the trial, we're dead. Except for just one person, no one has ever succeeded at the trial. If you think it's scary, I don't mind if you stay home together with the raptors." (*Kearuga*)

After saying so, I look at all their faces.

Far from trepidation, their faces were full of motivation.

"I can't imagine Kearuga-sama losing. Besides, I am Kearuga-sama's follower." (*Freya*)

Freya softly smiles.

"Setsuna is Kearuga-sama's property (thing). It's weird that a tool isn't together with it's master." (*Setsuna*)

"Rather than the trial, it would be much scarier to be separated from Kearuga-niisama!" (*Ellen*)

The children pair are also overflowing with motivation.

And then...

"The god bird's trial is also my trial. I can't always be carried by you, and besides, I already quite running away." (*Eve*)

Eve grins broadly. She even seems like she's enjoying herself.

"Okay. Well then, let's all go. We'll enjoy the god bird's trial to our heart's content." (*Kearuga*)

Like that, we all nod to each other and enter the white fog. I'm happy that no one turned their back.

My mood is being uplifted. No matter what happens, I don't think we will lose at all.

## Chapter 10: The healing magician accepts the god bird's trial

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Everyone enters the white fog.

And then, we see a town. However, it's all white; a white, stone-built town.

The cold air gently brushes our cheeks. It is terribly desolate, let alone human presences, there aren't even presences of any living things.

"Everyone, you're still here right?" (*Kearuga*)

This is a mysterious fog that hurls you to random places if the stars aren't in a good position.

I need to confirm that everyone is safe and I want to avoid being split up.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna is here." (*Setsuna*)

"I am also okay." (*Freya*)

"Kearuga, I'm properly here." (*Eve*)

"There is nothing to fear, Kearuga-nisama." (*Ellen*)

That's good. It seems everyone is together.

"Don't stray away from me. Setsuna, search the surrounding presences for me. Freya, with the **[Heat Detection]** magic formula, check if there are living things in the surroundings." (*Kearuga*)

The two nod, and start searching the surroundings. We don't know what there could be. Maximum precaution is necessary.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna's ears can't sense anything." (*Setsuna*)

"Same here. At the very least, there are no heat sources apart from us in a five hundred metre radius." (*Freya*)

"I see, for the time being, let's pass straight through the town. Most likely, finding the god bird is also part of the trial." (*Kearuga*)

In the worst case, we could have been hurled to a strange place because the stars weren't read correctly. Saying that would reduce our morale, so I won't say it, but I'll proceed while checking if there's an uncomfortable feeling.

We continue doing nothing but walking on the highway. This highway is a straight, wide path that's easy to walk on, in the centre of the town.

We've walked for around two hours, but we still can't see the end of the town. It is abnormal that we can't see the end of the path even after walking this much.

Setsuna is checking with her ears while walking, and Freya is periodically performing heat source detection. Even then, nothing is found.

It can't be helped. I guess I'll use a slightly rough method.

"Setsuna, clear your ears. I'll fire a light bullet that explodes on impact, which travels at the speed of light. Ignore where it goes to, and just listen to the time it takes for the sound to come back, so we can understand how much longer this path continues. Setsuna, you have heard Freya's explosion magic several times right? With that volume, how far do you think you can hear it from?" (*Kearuga*)



"By concentrating mana in the ears, Setsuna has the confidence she can hear it from two hundred kilometres away." (*Setsuna*)

"Alright, in that case, I'll try it." (*Kearuga*)

After I make sure Setsuna has put her hands on her wolf ears and concentrated her mana, I create an extra large bullet of light. Light attribute explosion magic. Even among light magic, it's categorized as advanced level magic.

Seeing that, Eve makes a envious face. This magic is still impossible for Eve right now, so it's understandable.

I fired the bullet of light. The bullet of light naturally went straight ahead at the speed of light. Now, how many seconds later will she hear the noise?

"That's a joke right?" (*Kearuga*)

No matter how long we waited, it seems that she couldn't hear the noise. Setsuna shakes her head side to side.

That action means...

"So this path at least continues for more than two hundred kilometres huh... or possibly, there could be no end. As expected of the god bird's trial. It's unreasonable." (*Kearuga*)

*It's pointless to just advance forward. In that case, what should we do? While I think about that, snow begins to fall.*

From my bodily sensation, the temperature is close to twenty degrees. There's no way snow would fall.

... No, this isn't snow.

"Hide under a building right now! This is poison!" (*Kearuga*)

I was too late by the time I noticed it.

Setsuna and everyone are collapsing in succession. Only Eve is somehow standing while being in a poor state.

I click my tongue.

I have also suffered damage from the poison, but my **[Divine Arms]** Georgius's **[Automatic Recovery (Auto Heal)]** activated, so I was able to stay standing.

What's troublesome is that **[Automatic Recovery]** activates every time I get afflicted by the poison, so my mana is steadily being consumed.

I had tampered with my body to make antibodies each time I'm harmed by poison, but the nature of the incessantly raining poison is changing without pause, so my antibody can't keep up. As expected of the god bird's poison, it's quite irritating.

I somehow carry Setsuna, Freya and Ellen.

"Eve, do you want me to carry you as well?" (*Kearuga*)

"I'm okay. I can run by myself." (*Eve*)

"In that case, follow me!" (*Kearuga*)

We start running towards the nearest building.

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We enter the building, and because we have escaped from the white snow, I use **[Recovery Heal]** on everyone.

As expected of the god bird's trial.

If I had been late to use **[Recovery Heal]** , everyone would have died.  
As one would expect, everyone was more or less agitated by this.

In these situations, I need to be optimistic.

"This is good. The only one who could scatter this poison would be the god bird. The worst case scenario would be if we were hurled to a place that doesn't have the god bird, but at the very least, that can't be possible."

*(Kearuga)*

I say it as if making fun of it.

It seems everyone's agitation has settled a bit.

"Hey, Kearuga. What are we going to do from now?" *(Eve)*

"The god bird is probably somewhere in this town. In that case, we just have to search for it. This town is too wide to do that with brute force. Therefore, I'll trace it's mana. It specially sent disease rain to us, so I'll follow it." *(Kearuga)*

I can follow the origin of this disease snow with my **[Jade Eyes]** .

That being the case, I need to leave the building and bathe in the disease snow. I will resolve myself for that risk and jump out.

If I try running through it without making an antibody and just relying on **[Automatic Recovery (Auto Heal)]** , my mana will be used up in the blink of an eye and I would be checkmated. I need to go forward while enduring the manual **[Recovery Heal]** until the limit to preserve my mana.

This is a battle about if I can find the god bird first or if I collapse first

"You guys should stay here and rest." *(Kearuga)*

Setsuna and the girls stopped in the middle of saying they would go as well. They know that they would only become a burden.

However, only Eve opens her mouth.

"I will also go." *(Eve)*

"I can't allow you to do that. I have no room to waste mana healing a burden." *(Kearuga)*

"You don't have to heal me. The kokuyoku race's poison resistance is much higher than humans. You can leave me behind if I fall." *(Eve)*

Resolution is in those eyes.

I remember hearing Eve say that this trial is her own trial.

She did not come to follow me. She is here with her own will.

... In that case, she would probably follow me no matter what I say.

"I understand. If you have the resolution, then come with me. Drink this just in case." *(Kearuga)*

After saying that, I take out two potions and hand one to Eve.

"This is?" *(Eve)*

"It's a potion that's full of nutrients and has the effect of increasing your endurance and temporarily increasing your immunity. It's mere consolation against the god bird's poison, but it's better than not having it." *(Kearuga)*

I should also inculcate myself. And then, I tamper with Georgius's configuration and turn off **[Automatic Recovery (Auto Heal)]** .

If it heals me every time I become poisoned, I wouldn't have enough mana no matter how much I have. I'll keep enduring to a certain extent and then use the manual **[Recovery Heal]** .

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Eve and I are running.

I activate **[Jade Eyes]** and follow the source of the disease snow. I've enhanced my physical ability, and we are running on the roof of the stone houses.

By wearing a raincoat that is a counterplan against the rain, the poison snow has become a bit better.

"Eve, are you okay?" (*Kearuga*)

"I'm completely fine." (*Eve*)

Eve is acting tough. With my eyes, I have seen through Eve's physical condition, and she's actually on the verge of collapsing. However, we are almost about to reach the outbreak point of the cursed snow.

We've arrived.

It's a white sphere. Disease snow is blowing violently from the white sphere that's suspended high in the sky.

"Eve, can you pierce through that?" (*Kearuga*)

"Leave it to me!" (*Eve*)

Eve turns her palm towards the sky. She enhances her mana and...

**" [Spear of Light] ."** (*Eve*)

Fires a beam of light.

Compared to the **[Arrow of Light]** that she fires from her fingertip, this has an overwhelming stronger magical power.

The spear of light goes through the white sphere. The white sphere is gouged out, a crack spreads from the middle, and it breaks. Then, the white snow stops.

A huge bird that tucked itself in its wings was inside the white sphere.

It's a bird that is slender like a hawk and has a white silhouette. That white sphere is the egg it sleeps in.

Its true identity is the god bird Caladrius.

The first trial was to find this guy and break its shell, which means something will happen now.

That premonition was correct.

The god bird Caladrius spreads its wings, and the moment it does, I become engulfed in black darkness.

I become unable to see the white stone town, the god bird, Eve and everything.... It's as if I was brought into a different world.

"He said the god bird makes you fight disease and tests your spirit."  
(*Kearuga*)

I remember what Miru-jii taught me.

If what happened until now was the disease trial, it should be the trial that tests your spirit from now.

What exactly is it going to do?

"Eve, are you safe!?" (*Kearuga*)

I don't sense Eve's presence, so we must have been separated.

The reasons I need to quickly breakthrough this trial increased.

No matter what trial it is, I want it to happen quickly. Maybe that wish was understood, as a trial-like thing began.

I can hear footsteps from the surroundings.

**"Hate, hate, I lost everything because of you, bastard."**

Princess Flare's imperial guard knight captain who I killed before comes in sight. He is bloodstained and is spitting out curses.

**"Even though I would have been able to embrace more cute girls if you, weren't here. Because of you."**

The hero of the **[Sword]** who I took revenge on by ripping off her man mask and making her die at the very end as a woman is glaring at me while shedding tears of blood.

In addition, the people I have killed until now appear in succession and spit out grudges.

I see, these are my sins huh.

It appears that the god bird's trial is a trial to face your sins.

The dead people censure my sins one by one. Apparently I'm not allowed to be alive.

They all joined in saying die, die, die.

If I was a normal human, I might have chosen death from the torment of being aware of my sins.

**"AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!"** (*Kearuga*)

When I noticed it, I had been laughing.

Ah, it feels good.

I see, so these guys hated me this much huh. They're like the former me. This, this is so great. My revenge wasn't mistaken. After all, these guys hate me this much!

That hatred is my pleasure! To think they hate me enough that they would curse me after dying, it really was worth the hardship.

Above all...

I grab the imperial guard knight captain's head, throw it on the ground and smash it. I steal that sword, send the head of the hero of the **[Sword]**, Blade, flying with that sword, kick that head to the group of the dead and humiliate her corpse.

"I had just been thinking the revenge was insufficient. Is this what you call the feeling when your bladder hasn't been completely emptied? I regretted not tormenting them enough. Thank you for reviving! I can kill you and disgrace you again. What kindness the god bird has!" (*Kearuga*)

To think I would be able to kill the people I hate twice, there is no happiness like this! It's surely a reward god gave me because of my good habitual conduct!

I don't know what intention the god bird has for doing this. However, a chance like this will never happen again. I can taste revenge that could

never happen again for the second time. To taste this happiness, I'll kill, torment, humiliate and pulverize these dead people.

Now, the fun starts from here!





## **Chapter 11: The healing magician overcomes the god bird's trial**

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After we pierced through the huge white cocoon the god bird lives in, I was suddenly transferred somewhere.

That place is a wide room with black walls. In that room, I was surrounded by the people I had once taken revenge on and killed.

Let alone doors, there are no windows, so escaping is impossible. In that situation, the dead people seemed to unjustifiably resent me because of a misunderstanding, and they are spitting out curses while attacking me.

Therefore, I harmed them and violated them until their exhaustion.

Just killing them would be boring, so I disgraced their body, heart and spirit, and then pulverized them. These guys hate me. However, I hate them as well, and I was just thinking how my revenge was insufficient.

"AHAHAHAHAHAHA, WHAT'S WRONG!? DON'T YOU HATE ME!? AREN'T YOU GOING TO KILL ME!?" (*Kearuga*)

When I noticed it, I had been laughing.

After all, I thought I was lucky to be able to take revenge twice, but that was a complete misunderstanding.

Rather than twice...

"I can kill as much as I want!? How many more times are you going to let me enjoy myself!? You guys are the best!" (*Kearuga*)

I haven't been counting after the tenth time.

I killed them many times, but they revived. Furthermore, it seems the others properly remember that they were killed each time.

Their reactions changed depending on their death count, so it's amusing.

Until the third time, each time they are killed, their resentment would further increase and attack me more violently.

After exceeding five times, they start losing detail in their movements and learn hesitation.

After exceeding around ten times, it seems that their resentment lost to fear.

Even though I, who they unbearably hate, am right in front of their eyes... even though they should be trying to kill me, far from coming to attack me, but they started escaping from me.

When I approach them, they entreat me to forgive them while crying.

That's weird, wasn't asking for forgiveness my line? If they're dead, they should act like the dead.

Right now, one of them is crying and shouting for forgiveness. I smash up his head. I purposely gave him a fatal wound that would leave him just \*barely alive. It's to make him taste fear until his death.

"I wonder how I should kill them next." (*Kearuga*)

It's quite fun to think of various murdering methods to not get tired of it.

Just now, I tried abnormally multiplying the hero of the **[Sword]**'s cells to inflate her like a balloon and explode.



She was excellently unsightly and ugly.

The appearance of the damn lesbian woman despairing as her own appearance changes into a monster is quite stimulating.

Since I became a bit excited and got an erection, I refreshed myself by raping a random dead person. Because I got tired of it, I let that person's head fall and went to the next one.

"Look, you resent me right!? You want to kill me right!? What happened to your vigour from before!? You were so energetically saying you would kill me! Didn't you say you couldn't forgive me!? Eh!? Despite that, what do you mean 'forgive me' or 'don't come? The man you guys resent is right here! Do your desires for revenge only amount to that much!? Ahahahahaha!"

*(Kearuga)*

Ah, this is fun.

To think those guys I once killed out of resentment would run away, trying to miserably escape from me.

There's no longer a single person who would challenge me. There are only prey that request forgiveness while crying, and tremble while running about trying to escape. I chase after them and trample them.

How lukewarm! If their desire for revenge is real, as if they would give up just from being killed dozens of times and being disgraced to their limit!

I'll teach them true revenge.

Unlike these guys' tepid desire for revenge, I will never be satisfied no matter how many times I kill or disgrace them. Ah~~ I'm glad to be a healing magician.

I can heal their wounds and stamina with **[Recovery Heal]**, and steal their mana with **[Looting Heal]**. In other words, it's perpetual motion. I can enjoy this supremely enjoyable game for eternity.

Since there are various things I want to test, it would be extremely helpful.

The last hero. The hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet. I have to let that shota homo psychopath taste the highest grade of pain as well.

For that reason, there's a need to investigate and compare which way of killing would make him taste the most effective fear, pain and humiliation.

Inspiration is welling up inside me. As I thought, putting it into practice is the most educational way. I should immediately try it out.

**"D-don't come."**

**"No way, I don't want to revive anymore. Kill meeeeeee, don't let me reviiive."**

**"Let me out, let me out of here."**

**"Hiiiiii, I don't want to die anymore! I don't resent you anymore, so please forget about me already, I'll do anything!"**

The dead people beg for their lives.

That's quite rare.

However, I won't forgive them. This is because I loathe these guys. Rather, I'll voluntarily do things they hate. Well, I wonder what kind of idea should I enjoy myself with next.

It happened while I was thinking about those sorts of things.

Suddenly, the dead people started disappearing, and the dead people were receiving their disappearance happily. Everyone is expressing relieved smiles.

*'We're finally released', 'we're saved', is what they're saying.*

Stop it, it's annoying. If you disappear so happily, my hard work would go to waste.

Oh, I thought of something good.

"You guys, look forward to it, because I'll play with you guys again when I fall down to hell! Anticipate our reunion in hell!" (*Kearuga*)

I shout with all my might at the end.

It's amusing. The dead people's faces full of relief warp and dye in despair. Yeah, this is good. As if I would forgive a peaceful end.

"Now, what's next? This should have been the bonus stage before the trial, so I need to brace myself for the real trial." (*Kearuga*)

At the start, I suspected that it was the trial, but there's no way such a fun recreation would be the trial.

A strange floating feeling wraps up my body. I'm probably going to be taken somewhere again.

I entrust my body to that sensation.

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I open my eyes.

It's a white room. Sensing a presence next to me, I look that way and see Eve.

While crying, she is muttering *'I'm sorry'*.

"Eve, you're safe huh." (*Kearuga*)

"...Kearuga." (*Eve*)

After looking at me, Eve smiles with a tear-stained face and jumps into my chest.

And then, she sobs. While she's crying I stroke her head.

"What happened?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yuel, and Mero, and Naara appeared, and then, and then..." (*Eve*)

I don't know who that is, but when I think about what I was experiencing until just earlier, people who Eve killed, or died because of her must have appeared with resentment towards Eve.

"And then, Kearuga. Everyone blamed me, but, they understood after I talked to them, cheered me on at the end and then disappeared. Even though everyone dies because of me, they told me, to try my best, Kearugaa." (*Eve*)

Eve sobs harder.

...They understood after she talked to them? They cheered her on at the end and disappeared?

What's up with that? I don't understand it. Was it that sort of trial?

For the time being, I'll stay like this until Eve settles down. Eve behaving like a spoiled child is quite fresh.

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After we stay like that for a while, the wind blows.

I look up at the sky. Then I saw a huge pure white hawk descends with a size that probably exceed five hundred meters.

The characteristic silver feather is on its head, and it's like a crown. My eyes meet with that bird, and in those eyes, I can see profound intelligence.

This guy is the god bird Caladrius huh.

□O small people. You have done well beating my trial. I tested your body, wisdom and mind with the trial. The strength of your body that can overcome disease. Even while harmed by disease, you calmly reeled in the thread with your intelligence that let you arrive beside me, and the strength of your mind that let you personally face your own sins and climb over it. You guys have overcome everything.□(Caladrius)

So there was a trial to test whether your mind was strong enough to personally face your sins and overcome them? I have no knowledge of it.

It was surely a trial that was only imposed on Eve.

□Most people crumbled to dust without being able to endure the disease. Even the ones that endured the disease only thought of escaping from it and shut themselves away in the white houses that have been prepared, without being able to arrive at my location. And even the small amount of people that arrived here were tormented to death by their sins. Both of you have done well to overcome it.□(Caladrius)

Both of us? Did I also clear that trial or whatever that tests your mind's sins?

... Weird, I should ask just in case.

"What was the mind trial?" (*Kearuga*)

□What are you saying? You also received it and overcame it. I call the dead souls that died because of your sins, and there are souls with strong emotions among them. You need to face those souls, and be forgiven by them. The more sins the person has, the more souls are called out. Being forgiven by those who hold resentment is difficult, but if you are able to do that, it means you have a truly strong mind.□(Caladrius)

... Face them, and then persuade them to forgive you.

Oh, so I had to do that kind of thing with those guys, This trial has such a high degree of difficulty.

"What would happen if I killed those souls that were called out?"

(*Kearuga*)

□The curse and resentment would just deepen. Even if they are killed the power of the dead increase until they eat you death in the end. This is a trial that tests the strength of your mind. It is impossible for people who accumulate sins to overcome it. I have not seen the state of the trial, but you are amazing. To think you were able to sublimate that many souls that

held strong resentment. You must have quite a strong heart and had acquired enough advantages to be forgiven by the dead. You are an amazing man.□ (Caladrius)

Ah, so that really was a trial huh. I hadn't noticed.

For now, I'll stay silent about what happened.

At least the god bird wasn't watching the state of the trial.

Fumu, it's surprising that the method of beating the immortal dead people who keep reviving is to hurt them and disgrace them enough to make them want to vanish themselves.

This was quite educational.

"Eve, you worked hard." (*Kearuga*)

"... It was a tough trial. But I'm glad I accepted it. I met the people who died trying to protect me again. And also, everyone was pleased when I talked to them about you. They were talking about how I finally have an important person... After that, I promised them to properly become the demon king and protect everyone from the kokuyoku race. That's why, I'm going to work even harder from now." (*Eve*)

Eve - who had stopped crying - started crying again.

... I see, so this is the orthodox method of beating the trial. It's definitely impossible for me.

"Hey, what kind of things happened to you?" (*Eve*)

"Yeah, it was normal. Normal. Well, what is it, with all my heart, I showed my sincerity by not just putting my seriousness into words, but actions to the people that died because of me. In the end, everyone returned with satisfaction." (*Kearuga*)

"Kearuga, you're amazing." (*Eve*)

I haven't told a lie. Everyone vanished of their own accord in the end after all.

The god bird's mana swells. Eve and I both look its way.

□O small ones. I will award you a reward for clearing my trial. First is the kokuyoku race girl. In accordance with the ancient oath, I will gift you the proof of overcoming the trial.□(Caladrius)

The god bird pokes Eve's forehead with its beak.

Eve's hair thereupon turns silver coloured, and her pupils became the colour of blood.

... That appearance is the appearance of the demon king I once saw.

I had misunderstood. Even in the first world, Eve had subdued the god bird Caladrius.

In that case, why did she not use it in the fight with the heroes (us)?

I can tell from just standing in front of it right now.

The god bird is strong. If the hero party in the first world fought it head-on, they would have been crushed by the god bird alone. If I had taken on the demon king and the god bird at the same time, the first world me would have had no chance of success.

The amount of things I'm curious about has increased by one.

□I have awarded you with my blessing. You have obtained power. And you can call me whenever. However, you know right?□(Caladrius)

“Yeah, I’ll only call you when I really need to.... I won’t be let off so easily if I call you.” (Eve)

She unexpectedly answered quickly.

There is either a risk, or possibly a limit of times she can do it.

However, we certainly obtained a trump card. I’ll ask Eve about the details later.

□And now, the man over there. I will not serve anyone other than the kokuyoku race. Furthermore, my power is poison to humans. Although you have considerably ceased being human, you will not be able to endure it. That being said, it would affect my dignity if you were to return without being awarded anything. Therefore.□” (Caladrius)

The god bird hits the egg backpack with its beak. Then, it pokes my left eye.

... Because of its extreme speed, I couldn’t react.

□That eye is a spirit eye. Therefore, if it is just the eye, I am able to award you with my power. And I have also poured my power into the child that grew from eating your mana. A child with terrific power should be born... nevertheless, who exactly are you? The child that grew from eating your mana and spirit is warped this much... excuse me, monstrous... ahem, destructive, no. It is being raised into something original. Strange. It should be impossible for this type of person to overcome the trial.□ (Caladrius)

I have become slightly worried for when this child is born.

No, surely the god bird’s values are different to humans. There’s no way this child who was raised by receiving plenty of my mana and spirit could be a bad child.

“Thank you very much. I will use this child and this eye valuably.”  
(Kearuga)

My right is a **[Jade Eye]** , but the left has evolved into a new eye. This seems useful.

And then, a monster of divinity that could be called my other self. That one will become even stronger. I can be hopeful for this.

□With this, the trial has finished. I will send you to your original world. Let us meet again, o small ones. I quite enjoyed having visitors for the first time in a while.□ (Caladrius)

Once again, I feel the strange floating sensation. We will surely be fired outside of this white fog.

I’m glad we came here. After all, I gained plenty of power thanks to it.

## **Chapter 12: The healing magician's pure love gets through.**

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I open my eyes, and realize that I've been transferred outside of the white fog.

I recognize this scenery. It's most likely the same location we were in when we entered the white fog. I look around the surroundings, and breathe out in relief.

"Kearuga-sama, where is this?" (*Freya*)

"Setsuna's head is pounding. We were supposed to be inside the house, but we were suddenly transferred." (*Setsuna*)

"Kearuga-niisama, I am glad you are safe!" (*Ellen*)

Everyone who had been resting inside the building to avoid the disease snow is here.

It seems the god bird is quite a thoughtful one.

"I'm glad you guys are safe." (*Kearuga*)

If they weren't here, I would have had to rush into the the fog again. Since they each ask how the trial was, I look towards this time's leading actress.

"Kearuga, thanks. Because of you, I was able to obtain the god bird." (*Eve*)

This time's leading actress is Eve. After all, we came here so that Eve can use the god bird.

Eve's silver dyed hair waves with the wind, and her pupils that became red engender a devilishness charm. Eve was not born with her silver hair and her red pupils. It's the proof that she received the god bird's power.

In my left eye, I have also acquired the god bird's power. Just one side of my jade eyes changed into the different magic eye that I received from the god bird.

That power isn't even outdone by the jade eye. From now on, I can make use of two kinds of magic eyes. I'm looking forward to using my second magic eye later.

"I don't need gratitude. I only took you along with me. It's your power that overcame the trial." (*Kearuga*)

"Even so, thank you. If you hadn't pushed my back, I probably wouldn't have been able to come here. I keep receiving favors from you, don't I. I should properly express my gratitude." (*Eve*)

Eve smiles. Her face looks like she has broken through her doubts.

Until now, it was only Eve's ancestor that overcame the god bird's trial. Her self-confidence is probably connected to clearing that kind of trial.

"If you want to thank me and want to do it, then I guess you can let me embrace you." (*Kearuga*)

I'm teasing her like always. Since Eve's reactions are amusing, I reflexively end up saying these kinds of things.

I can't stop even though I know it would make her angry.

"... If it's you. Yeah, it's okay." *(Eve)*

"Eh?" *(Kearuga)*

Since it was an unexpected answer, I turned back to my normal self.

Seeing my reaction, Eve notices that she was being teased and turns bright red.

"Kearuga you idiot! It was a joke huh! Even though I specially resolved myself! Idiot! This is why, you, you!" *(Eve)*

While having teary eyes, she continuously strikes my chest.

I closely embrace Eve. Eve entrusts her body to me.

"Sorry, I didn't think you would really accept it. I was honestly perplexed. I'm happy. I'll give you plenty of love today." *(Kearuga)*

"Uuu, I'm not going to do it after all. I don't know anyone like you!" *(Eve)*

It seems she's sulking because of my reaction from before.

Well, for times like this...

"I really love you. I want to embrace you. Please." *(Kearuga)*

I pile up sweet, simply honest words. Having done that, I should have overcome Eve's weak resistance.

"... That's unfair. That way of talking. But, yeah, it's okay. I'll give you everything." *(Eve)*

Eve raises her face and stares at me intently with wet eyes.

I steal her lips. Eve didn't resist. We have an adult's kiss and our tongues entwine.

I have my fill of Eve's flavor. Kisses are interesting, as the smell, flavor and sensation differs with each girl. After I amply enjoy our kiss, I separate from Eve.

"Setsuna, sorry about tonight." *(Kearuga)*

"Nn. Just give love to Eve today. For her first night, just love Eve." *(Setsuna)*

"I'll do exactly that." *(Kearuga)*

Normally, at night, I have Setsuna - who requires her level limit to be increased - and one more person that has their turn that day, but Eve has finally joined in.

At least for today, I'll love just Eve.

"I'm glad. It's my first night after all. I want you to only look at me." *(Eve)*

Eve is shyly delighted. I'm glad I decided this.

With red faces, Freya and Ellen are excitedly chatting together about us. I'm glad they aren't jealous.

"That being said, why did you suddenly feel like letting me, Eve?" *(Kearuga)*

I had predicted that it would take a bit longer.

Moreover, I thought she would have little by little, given up her body from losing to pleasure, not her emotions, and had I plotted to make it happen like that.

“... Since you were always kind. Besides, after coming to the kokuyoku race’s village, you showed me a lovely scene. That’s why I fell in love with you. Of course, your personality is bad, let alone being flirtatious, you don’t even think fooling around is fooling around, you’re indecent and you’re a pervert, but even so, I fell in love with you.” *(Eve)*

Eve smiles; it’s a smile with various emotions mixed together. I thought it’s pretty.

... I’ll do my best to give her love tonight. My pure love finally bore fruit.

“Everyone, I guess we should return to the kokuyoku race’s village. We have to report that we’ve obtained the god bird after all. Miru-jii and Co. are worried as well. Apart from that, we’ll hunt on our way there. We should let everyone eat a feast again.” *(Kearuga)*

When I say so, everyone nods and raises their voices.

Let’s return to the place the raptors have stopped at. They are surely waiting for our return as well.

Then, Eve suddenly fell on her knee, hugged her body tightly, and started trembling. Her black wings expand until the limit.

“Eve?! What happened!? Is it a side-effect of the god bird’s power?!” *(Kearuga)*

I rush over to her in a panic.

Tears are welling up in her eyes. It’s obvious that something abnormal is happening.

“Everyone, everyone’s, souls are, pouring into, my wings. It’s not just one, or two people, many, many people, Kearugaa, it’s strange. Why, why.” *(Eve)*

While crying, Eve looks at my face.

It’s understandable for Eve to have this reaction.

... Eve possesses an ability called **[Kokuyoku Summoning]**.

It’s an ability to summon the souls of the kokuyoku race that dwell in her wings as familiars. And that means that the souls that die in regret and couldn’t die peacefully dwell in Eve’s wings.

From Eve’s words, it means that right now, at this moment, several tens of the kokuyoku race has been killed, turning into ghosts that couldn’t die peacefully and are clinging onto Eve for her to clear away their own regret.

“I don’t know the reason. However, the kokuyoku race’s village should be receiving an attack right now! Let’s quickly return. As quick as possible to the kokuyoku race’s village!” *(Kearuga)*

Most of the kokuyoku race is being killed by the demon king.

The ones that barely survived have dispersed to various places. If that village isn’t being attacked, it’s impossible for several tens of people to die at once.

The people in that village are all good people.

Even though I’m a human, moreover a hero as well, they accepted me. They trusted me enough to entrust Eve to me. There’s no way I could abandon them.



"That's true, we need to do that, I shouldn't be crying right now. I want to save them, even if I only save one." (Eve)

"It would take a few days on the raptor. Eve, can you call the god bird? That guy should be able to carry us. I won't tell you to do the impossible. Tell me if you can or can't do it." (Kearuga)

"I'll do it. If I don't use it here, there would be no reason for accepting the trial after all." (Eve)

Eve stands up.

And then, she closes her eyes and enhances her mana. The mana that Eve possesses surges. This amount of mana would make anyone who possesses mana to be frightened.

Eve opens her eyes. Her red eyes are shining. A gigantic magic square is made at her feet.

"I command you in accordance with the ancient oath. You who carries wind and death, the companion of my soul, Caladrius. Manifest right here and now!" (Eve)

A gate opens due to Eve's words filled with power.

The magic square on the ground projects to the sky, and from inside the magic square, a white, gigantic bird that is covering its body with its wings appears.

And then, it expands its wings.

□This is a quick reunion, o young ones. You must know the significance of calling me.□ (Caladrius)

"I know. I called you because it's necessary! Carry us, god bird Caladrius." (Eve)

□Hou, so that is how it is. Very well, I deliver you with my power.□ (Caladrius)

Caladrius used some kind of magic.

Starting from Eve and I, everyone, including the slightly far away raptors, is buried into its feather membrane when the god bird pulls us in.

... To think it would even take the raptors, this god bird really is thoughtful.

□I will fly. Don't lose consciousness.□(Caladrius)

Together with those words, Caladrius flies with all its power.

It accelerates many times faster than the speed of light. This white membrane is most likely protecting us. Without it, we would have all died the moment it accelerated.

God bird, you possess this much power huh.

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Thirty seconds. It turned the distance that the raptor would have taken several days to travel to zero.

From the sky, we view the state of the village.

It was hell.

The kokuyoku race's village is engulfed in flames.

Hundreds of demons and monsters are attacking the village. A one-sided fight. No, this much would just be a massive killing. In addition... it's already finished.

What they are doing right now, is disposing the corpses and house-hunting to see if there are any survivors. We couldn't make it.

How misfortunate. If only we had been one day, no, just a few hours faster at clearing the trial. We might have met them while they were fighting.

□O small ones. There is no longer anyone who seeks help. There are only unsightly beasts. And the people here cannot be defeated by just you people. I advise you to go away from here.□(Caladrius)

I want to attack the enemy. However, that's just a suicidal act.

Since before, I have been using **[Jade Eye]**. I saw the demons and monsters who are the assailants.

These guys are strong.

If we challenge them, no matter how we fight, I can only see a future where we die. The current demon king has put in strenuous effort. Without a doubt, even among the demon king's army, these guys are an elite force.

If there were survivors, there's a meaning to try the impossible... However, that is hopeless.

It's not necessary to do the impossible. We should run from here.

"God bird Caladrius." (Eve)

Eve lets out a cold voice. That cold voice is caused from her hatred exceeding her critical point.

I know it as well. Once the flames of hatred exceed a certain point, it turns into ice.

□What is it, o young one.□ (Caladrius)

"Use your power." (Eve)

□Do you know the significance of that? Not a single person will be saved by just defeating those people. Despite the burden being big from just calling me, if I use my power-□ (Caladrius)

"Just use it, Caladrius! It's an order! Quickly!" (Eve)

Eve cries out.

There is almost certainly no meaning to what she's going to do now.

No one will be saved. Far from that, a compensation for Eve using its power will be demanded.

Considering the loss and gain, there are only losses. However, I can understand Eve's feelings.

She can't forgive them.

Even without something like a meaning, she needs to do it, or else she will break.

Therefore, I decided to let her do what she wants. No matter what Eve loses here, I'll support her. I believe doing so is my role.

The god bird moves just above the village and spreads its wings.

And then, the god bird of fatal disease uses that power, the feared power that became a legend.





### **Chapter 13: The healing magician embraces Eve closely**

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Flames are rising and vulgar laughter is resounding in the kokuyoku race's village.

The god bird Caladrius is fluttering about in the sky.

Because of the overwhelming mana the god bird releases and the feeling of being drawn to a great presence, the demons and monsters who attacked the kokuyoku race's village are looking up at the sky.

And then, snow begins to fall.

It isn't just normal snow. It's the fatal disease god bird Caladrius's snow of death.

The violet snow falls and piles up. Screams start resounding. The monsters and demons collapse in succession. They have been afflicted with disease.

I have tasted the power of the god bird's disease with my body. Even I, who can obtain resistance by making an antibody and instantly heal no matter what disease I'm harmed by, am helpless before the god bird's disease that changes its nature every second.

There's no difference even if the opponent is a demon. Even monsters that have absolute resistance to poison and superior demons are turning into prey one by one.

I confirmed it after looking at this. For the trial, the objective was only to test us, and the god bird had been holding back.

This is its serious disease. To answer to Eve's hatred and sorrow by killing them, it is sending poison snow.

"It's tremendous." (*Kearuga*)

It seems I had still underestimated the god bird's power.

Hundreds of demons and monsters have been afflicted with disease, struggled in agony, and died.

It's pointless even if they try to escape to the buildings. The snow that descended onto the ground vaporised and has spread from being carried by the air.

It's better than directly touching the snow, but it just means that death will visit slightly later.

It's an overwhelming power. If we have this, it's possible to defeat both the demon king and his followers.

The legend that it destroyed a country in a night wouldn't have been an exaggeration. The god bird would be able to do it.

"... It's not the time to be happy, but I'm thankful for the large quantity of EXP here." (*Kearuga*)

Moreover, it's wonderful to have the demons and monsters that the god bird killed being treated as Eve's kills. EXP rapidly come into us who have formed a party with Eve.

I'm glad that we were able to level up in one go here. It can serve as our last preparations before we challenge the demon king.

And also, there is one more big meaning to this attack.

I loved the people of this village. This isn't an act, and I truly did love them from the bottom of my heart. It was only a short time we spent together, but the genial people and the gentle time had reminded me of my hometown... That was stolen. I can't forgive them. There's no way I could forgive them.

Even I am feeling hatred, but Eve is feeling a more violent and intense hatred and sorrow.

"More, more! Annihilate them!" *(Eve)*

With disheveled silver hair, she is using the god bird's power.

I can tell from just looking at her. A tremendous amount of mana is being absorbed from Eve. That's not all, her stamina... no, a more fundamental something that cannot be undone is being taken from Eve.

She should be going through considerable agony, but she is bearing the pain while continuously using power.

And then... she reaches her limit.

Eve faints and crumbles down.

□Fumu, your supply of power has stopped. I can only stay in this state for another several tens of seconds. O small ones. All the enemies have died out, and there are none to protect in the village... However, in the northern forest, albeit faint, I can sense lives that resemble my master. If you are going to save them, you should hurry.□*(Caladrius)*

After saying just that, the god bird drops us off onto the ground and disappears. The violet snow and the vaporized poison that floated above ground had both unbelievably disappeared.

The northern forest huh.

The probably let some of the women and children secretly escape. If they all ran, they would have been found with pursuers chasing after them, resulting in complete destruction.

Therefore, the majority of them became a decoy and only let a few of them escape. It's quite a courageous action.

After getting off to the ground, I look at Eve's state. She has weakened to the limit.

From my pocket, I take out stamina recovery potions and mana recovery potions. Putting those in my mouth, I pour it down her throat.

As she has lost consciousness, this is the fastest way to make her drink it. In addition, I apply **[Recovery Heal]** on her.

"Eve, wake up, Eve!" *(Kearuga)*

"Ke..a...u... ga." *(Eve)*

After a while, Eve comes to her senses.

It seems quite painful for her.

"I'll tell you the current situation, so understand it the first time I say it. Everyone who was attacking this village died. And then, according to the

god bird, some of the kokuyoku race has escaped to the northern forest. There might be pursuers over there as well. I plan on chasing after them from now. What will you do, Eve? I gave you temporary treatment, but if it's tough, then you can rest." (*Kearuga*)

"... I will go as well! If there are still survivors, I want to save them." (*Eve*)

"I see... everyone else will stay on standby here. I want to reduce the weight on the raptors to gain more speed." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Kearuga-sama, just in case, Setsuna will check if there are any survivors here." (*Setsuna*)

"Yeah, I'm counting on you." (*Kearuga*)

We're talking about that god bird that excessively pays attention to other people. If there were any kokuyoku race survivors, it would have warned us before using its power, but just to be sure, it would be better to check. I'll leave that to Setsuna and Co.

"Eve, hold on to me." (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, take it out, Kearuga." (*Eve*)

We mount the raptor, and after I confirm Eve has wrapped her arms around my waist, I make the raptor run.

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I made the raptor run with all its power in the direction the god bird pointed at.

The raptor wouldn't be able to keep up with this way of running, so by using **[Recovery Heal]**, I forcibly recovered its stamina to keep it running.

There is something that has been on my mind ever since I used **[Recovery Heal]** on Eve earlier.

Eve didn't recover even from my **[Recovery Heal]**. If her stamina and mana was just exhausted, then she would recover from a potion and **[Recovery Heal]**.

Something more than that was probably taken away.

"Eve, sharpen your senses. You are better at detecting mana than me." (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, no matter how small, I won't miss any sign of mana." (*Eve*)

I have set searching-use abilities and sharpened my five senses until the limit. I was only taught the direction from the god bird. It wouldn't be strange to overlook something.

"Are you able to talk while you're still being on guard?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, that's okay." (*Eve*)

"What did you present to the god bird?" (*Kearuga*)

Eve swallows her breath.

It seems she thought I hadn't noticed.

"...To call the god bird Caladrius, it's necessary to present your stamina, mana and life force. If I made the god bird Caladrius fight with all its power, I could probably only call it four or five times. If I call it that many times, my life force will probably become empty." (*Eve*)



As expected of the god bird. If it was an ordinary person, they probably would have become a disabled person in one shot.

Because Eve is irregular, she can call it five times. And each times he calls it, Eve steadily becomes weaker. Once she calls it three times, she would break down, and I doubt she would even be able to normally live.

"Sorry. I didn't think it would be something like that. If I knew, I wouldn't have relied on the god bird." (*Kearuga*)

In the first world when Eve had reigned as the demon king, it's not that she didn't call the god bird, but it was that she couldn't call it anymore. Until she reigned as the demon king, she had most likely relied on the god bird's power until the limit.

If not, it would be impossible for the Eve in those days to become the demon king. Because she had the god bird, she was able to overturn the difference in fighting power.

I had cornered her into doing it without knowing that.

"You don't have to apologize. After all, for just my life alone, you can use such an amazing power. You should thank me. By just presenting one life, you can defeat ten thousands of people after all. There's no story as tasty as this." (*Eve*)

There was no uneasiness in Eve's voice. Rather, I sense hope from her in defeating the demon king. In a way, her words are correct. It's a cool-headed calculation and the cost performance is good.

Even so...

"Don't ever use that again. What's 'just my life alone'. For me, your one life has a lot more value than ten thousand pieces of trash you can find anywhere. It's not profitable so don't do it." (*Kearuga*)

Those are my thoughts.

I like Eve. There's no way I could bear exchanging her for just a few tens of thousands of trash.

"Kearuga, don't say those sorts of things. You're making me fall in love with you." (*Eve*)

"Aren't you already in love with me? I'll say it just in case, I'm going to properly embrace you today." (*Kearuga*)

It's also to console her. It's better for someone to be beside her.

"Yeah, embrace me plenty. If you don't, I probably won't be able to endure today." (*Eve*)

Her voice has turned into one with sorrow and hatred mixed together.

Those feelings are too heavy for someone to carry themselves.

"Also, Kearuga. I will use this power... I was naive. I thought I could someday become the demon king and save everyone if I continued running away. But that wasn't true. It's exactly what you said before. I didn't even notice that things would be stolen from me if I don't steal. I won't hesitate anymore. I will defeat the current demon king. For that reason, I will use this power. Even if you stop me, I will definitely use it. I don't want anything to be taken from me anymore." (*Eve*)

Revenge.

It's our common feature.

I see, so Eve has already chosen huh.

*'I won't stop anymore. I have come too far that I can't be stopped.'*

She has understood that by force...I want to stop her. However, I don't have the qualifications to tell her that when I'm the one that has advanced to the end of that path.

"In that case, promise me. I'll lend you my power. Therefore, you can only use that power once. I'll make it so you only have to use it once."

*(Kearuga)*

Thinking about it realistically, it's impossible to challenge the demon king without the god bird.

In the first world, on top of having four heroes, because they had various backups, they won. Therefore, I'll find a method to win by just using that power to the max just once. That is the only way I don't lose Eve and she can carry out her revenge.

"Thank you. Kearuga, why are you doing this much for me?" *(Eve)*

"You're being insistent. I have already said the answer of it many times. It's because I love you. If it's for the sake of my woman, I will go through any hardship. That's why I can embrace you with a peace of mind."

*(Kearuga)*

"Because you're like this... I love you so much." *(Eve)*

Eve rests her forehead on my back. I'm feeling motivated. For a while, I continue making the raptor run.

My sense of uneasiness is steadily increasing. It was at that time.

"Kearuga, turn your route slightly to the left, there's a mana presence from over there. It's the kokuyoku race's mana! Furthermore, that person is fighting right now!" *(Eve)*

*"Okay!" (Kearuga)*

Eve found it.

Furthermore, the fact that the person is fighting means they are alive. I need to hurry.

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Miru-jii is there. He has taken a stance with his staff. His robe is dyed in blood, and he has taken a severe wound. With girls from the kokuyoku race behind him, he's fighting bat-winged demons.

When our eyes meet, Miru-jii smiles.

In Miru-jii's surroundings, there are corpses of adult men from the kokuyoku race, and the corpse of a gigantic bat monster is rolling.

I throw a knife.

It pierces through the bat monster that came to attack Miru-jii from high in the sky.

"I came to save you!" *(Kearuga)*

I purposely threw away my chance for a surprise attack and made them aware of me. It seemed like Miru-jii would immediately be killed if I didn't do so.

The bat-winged demons face this way. I jump off from the raptor and charge with a low posture. They come to try and cut me with their sabers.

I dodge them, and press my hand against a stomach.

**" [Deterioration Heal] " (Kearuga)**

Due to **[Deterioration Heal]** , I remake the enemy's body to one with an abnormal condition. I blocked the gateways to the heart. Because of that, the man instantly dies.

The second one faces this way. However, by the time he turned around, there was nothing above his neck.

Eve did it. It evaporated because of Eve's light magic.

The third one looks at us, understands that he's at a disadvantage and tries to run, but Eve's light magic mercilessly pierced through him.

Light magic goes at the speed of light. Therefore, running away is impossible. Now that her accuracy problem has been resolved, Eve has become a magician of the strongest class.

Because their masters are gone, the bat monsters run away. There are no signs of enemies in the surroundings. It seems we have somehow made it in time.

"Miru-jii!" (Eve)

Eve rushes over to Miru-jii.

Miru-jii has taken a serious injury. It wouldn't be weird for him to die whenever. I need to quickly cure him.

I hurriedly head that way too.

And then, I press my hand on him.

However...

"KEARUGA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? QUICKLY HEAL HIM, MIRU-JII WILL! MIRU-JILL WILL DIE!!!!" (Eve)

Eve shakes my shoulder.

However, I can't meet her expectations.

No matter what kind of disease or injury it is, I can heal it.

However, even so...

I'm unable to resurrect the deceased. It's the limit of a healing magician.

"Eve, it's impossible. He's already, dead." (Kearuga)

"!!!! THAT'S, A LIE!! AFTER ALL, HE'S PROPERLY STANDING, AND HOLDING HIS STAFF, and yet... AND YET!!!" (Eve)

Eve opens her eyes widely.

She was probably made to understand by Miru-jii's soul entering her wings.

"Eve, listen well. Miru-jii already got a fatal wound. However, to protect those girls, he was fighting on just his willpower. And by us defeating the pursuers, his thread of tension broke off." (Kearuga)

"Why, why, WE COULDN'T EVEN MAKE IT IN TIME FOR MIRU-JII!!!!.... Even though I thought we finally caught up with him, EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT WE COULD SAVE HIM!!!!" (Eve)

Eve screams.

To her, Miru-jii was her foster parent. And he died in front of her eyes. That scar is deep.

..... And I can't endure my hatred either.

That damn demon king who killed Miru-jii. Rather than many kind people dying, the fact that my friend, Miru-jii, died gouged my heart out even deeper.

After coming here, my intentions have changed.

Subjugating the demon king is no longer just helping out with Eve's revenge. It's *my* revenge. With my own intention, for my sake, I will kill the demon king.

"... Eve, stop crying. Let's admire Miru-jii first. He protected them and fulfilled his duty." (Kearuga)

The girls that were behind him who he protected are uninjured. Because he kept standing even after he got a fatal wound, we were able to make it in time.

With just that, there was a meaning for him to live.

"But, but." (Eve)

"I know you're frustrated. However, if you don't accept it, you can't move on. Isn't that right?" (Kearuga)

"...Yeah, I will absolutely, absolutely avenge Miru-jii. Moreover, I won't let them kill the children Miru-jii protected." (Eve)

With gloomy flames of revenge in her eye, Eve declares that.

The girls that Miru-jii protected come up to us.

"Um, Eve-sama, Miru-sama has entrusted me with his last request. He said he wants me to tell Eve-sama if I meet her after he dies." (???)

While shedding tears like Eve, the girl intermittently spins a tale.

"Tell me." (Eve)

"Yes, he said...." (???)

*'Once I die, please let me fight with you. I want to continue fighting together through thick and thin as a knight of Eve-sama's wings.'*

"... I see, so Miru-jii said that sort of thing." (Eve)

"We, no, everyone who died until now feels the same! Even if we are tied to this world for the rest of our lives, we want to fight! We want to clear away our resentment! Therefore, Eve-sama. Please use **[Kokuyoku Summoning]** ! We have suffered this much damage, been killed and trampled, so I absolutely cannot agree with letting it end like that. Therefore, please let us fight with you! That is our wish."

Eve looks up at the sky. And then, she spreads her wings.

Every feather of those wings has a soul of the kokuyoku race who died with regret. Her wings are shining. For some reason, it felt like the countless number of kokuyoku race souls that dwell in her wings are crying.

"I have received Miru-jii's last request... Until now, I had never used **[Kokuyoku Summoning]** . If I used it, they would be tied to the present world after all. I was waiting for them to return to heaven once their hatred fades away some day. However, it's just as you said. Everyone would hate it if we only keep suffering damage. Therefore, we will fight together. That's what I decided." *(Eve)*

Eve makes a face that's unbound to the past. And then, she sweetly strokes her wings.

"I will fight together with all your souls that have been put in these wings." *(Eve)*

Various thoughts start pouring out of her wings. They are wavelengths of great joy.

I embrace Eve's shoulders closely. Eve's shoulder are small. They're too small to be burdened with all of the kokuyoku race.

Therefore, I'll support them. They seem like they would break down if I don't.

"First, let's return to the village. We also need to decide what we will do with these girls from now on." *(Kearuga)*

"That's true. For the sake of Miru-jii as well, we need to let these girls live." *(Eve)*

We nod to each other.

With this, the attack on the kokuyoku race's village has settled for now.

Various people were lost, and Eve chose the path of revenge. It's a path of solitude she can't turn away from anymore. Therefore, at least I will advance forward with her, as Eve's lover, and above all, as a comrade who similarly had their important person taken away.





## Chapter 14: The healing magician connects with Eve

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Due to the demon king, the kokuyoku tribe's village was attacked.

The kokuyoku tribe that remained in the village fought and was annihilated. However, their fighting was not pointless.

By purposely leaving the majority of their people in the village and resisting to the bitter end, they let a few girls who have a future escape together with a guard.

Pursuers were directed to them as well, and they fell into a predicament, but we were somehow able to save them. It was because of Miru-jii's hard fighting that I was able to make it in time.

"Our expectations were too naive. To think they would aim for the timing of the god bird's trial." (*Kearuga*)

I heard the story from a survivor, and apparently it wasn't a coincidence that the demon king's army attacked at this time.

At this time when we can take the god bird's trial, the god bird awaits the ones that take on the trial and doesn't come out of the canyon. For this reason, the demon king's army aimed for this time.

... The one who leaked that information is probably someone from the kokuyoku tribe that had scattered to various places. They might have even been tortured.

Hearing that story, Eve clenches her fist tightly in frustration.

There are only around ten-odd girls that survived. As a result of asking if they have any aims for their lives from now, there's apparently a hidden village south from here that the star rabbit tribe lives in, which is a tribe that was persecuted, similarly to the kokuyoku tribe, and they are going to head there.

Since it seemed that they would be able to arrive there if they walk for a whole day, I plan to rest for today and accompany them as a guard tomorrow.

After telling the girls from the kokuyoku tribe to pack and brace themselves until we depart tomorrow, I released them. And then, we gather in the room we were allowed to use in this village.

"Setsuna, this is a remarkable achievement. Good job on noticing it." (*Kearuga*)

"No, Ellen was the one that noticed it. Setsuna just moved her hands." (*Setsuna*)

"I see, both you and Ellen are admirable." (*Kearuga*)

Because we rushed out of the village in a hurry, I had forgotten to give them one important instruction.

That was to loot money from the corpses of the demons that attacked the village and any weapons that look usable.



In Buranikka where humans and demons lived together, we were able to use human money, but in the demon villages we will travel to from now, it probably can't be used.

In Buranikka, I turned a majority of the jewels that even have worth in the demon society into money, but as expected, it would be better to have money. I also want to let the girls from the kokuyoku tribe keep money to live in a new land.

Because of that, it was necessary to borrow from the corpses. Ellen noticed that, and Setsuna did it in advance.

I stroke Setsuna and Ellen's heads, and they narrow their eyes happily.

Ellen has no fighting power, but she excels in observation powers, and she can notice the things I want. I was saved thanks to Ellen again this time.

"Where did you store the money and equipment?" (*Kearuga*)

"I put it all together in the house next door." (*Ellen*)

"I'll look at it later." (*Kearuga*)

With this, there are no more concerns for our journey route or the kokuyoku tribe girls' living expenses. In that case, I need to decide what to do from now.

Specifically, I need to think about what kind of punishment I'll make the demon king receive.

From my experience in the first world, I know the general location of the demon king's castle. Of course, by going with simple tactics, I'll avoid as many demon villages as possible and trespass all the way into the town the demon king controls.

I'll summon the god bird Caladrius in the town, make it send the snow of death to cause chaos, sneak into his castle with a select few and then kill him.

This is the easiest way and it certainly has the highest winning percentage. There is a problem, which is that ordinary people who are unrelated will be dragged in with this method.

However, I don't plan to hesitate now. The damn demon king tried to destroy the kokuyoku tribe itself. There shouldn't be any complaints if I do the same thing.

... In the first place, only the demons that receive favour from the demon king and the demons who control them live in the demon king's home territory. There's no need for sympathy.

Above all, I am angry. Starting with Miru-jii, who I liked, they killed people of the kokuyoku tribe and humiliated them. As if I could forgive those types of people.

I won't be satisfied unless I massacre them. I can't stand having things taken from me. I absolutely cannot forgive people who steal from me.

And there is a girl who is feeling more hatred and sorrow than me.

"Kearuga, tell me. What should I have done to save everyone?" (*Eve*)

Eve asks with a face that seems like she's going to cry.

"You wouldn't have been able to do anything. Since long ago, the demon king's army had been planning to attack when the god bird's trial starts. If we stayed in that village, we might have been able to slightly increase the amount of survivors... but repelling them would be impossible. There's too much of a difference in fighting power. We only won this time because we had the god bird's power." (*Kearuga*)

We had been checkmated from the start.

Freya, the hero of **[Magic]**, Setsuna, the genius of the ice wolf tribe, Eve, who can handle both light and darkness magic, and I, the hero of **[Healing]** all have tremendous talent, furthermore, high levels.

However, no matter how much of a talented person there is, against more than several hundreds of elites from the demon king's army, we had no chance of winning. If there was a method of saving the kokuyoku race's village...

"We might have had to fight faster. Apart from crushing the demon king before the attack, there was no method to save this village." (*Kearuga*)

I tell her the truth.

By the time we came to this village, it was already too late. Eve is smart. She would immediately see through a poor consolation. Therefore, I simply told her the truth, and Eve accepted that truth.

"I get it. Kearuga... I won't ever be too late again. From here, let's go in the shortest." (*Eve*)

With a determined expression, Eve strongly nods.

"Okay. I'll also do my best to not let you regret anything." (*Kearuga*)

Her resolution has become firm.

Eve and I don't ever want to repeat feeling more regret than this. We will take action for that reason.

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After that, I finished having dinner, cleansed my body in the bath and waited for Eve.

Everyone else is sleeping in a separate room. I decided that I will only love Eve for today.

Just in case, I suggested we could do it on a different day if she needs to sort out her feelings, but she entreated that she would rather want me to embrace her right then.

Therefore, I am quietly waiting for her by myself.

The door opens, and Eve enters. Seeing her appearance took my breath away.

"Eve, you're beautiful." (*Kearuga*)

"I see, is it not weird?" (*Eve*)

Eve is boldly just wearing her underwear.

It's a lascivious underwear that doesn't hide various important things. Despite being a little girl, it quite suits Eve who has a bewitching charm.

"What's with that underwear?" (*Kearuga*)

"... When I left this village, there was a person that gave this to me to wear when I want to win. I didn't think I would wear it this soon." *(Eve)*

That person was probably killed. I purposely don't confirm that with her.

"Eve, come here." *(Kearuga)*

"It's a bit embarrassing." *(Eve)*

I beckon her onto the bed.

I'm sitting on the edge of the bed, and Eve's small back settles within my arms. I turn my hands from the back and hug her closely.

I can feel Eve's body temperature and heart beating.

"Being hugged by you is relieving. You're hard, big, and when I'm here, all of my anxiety disappears." *(Eve)*

"This is the world's safest place after all. But it's limited to only cute girls and can also be a dangerous place." *(Kearuga)*

"Kya-! all of a sudden." *(Eve)*

I enjoy Eve's body while hugging her.

Indeed, this underwear is great. It's easy to do various things.

Eve's body accepts my hands and returns it with cute reactions. Finally, Eve reaches it. At that timing, I open my mouth.

"Eve, it's really fine right? If we advance further than this, I won't be able to stop anymore." *(Kearuga)*

"... I told you it's fine already. In the first place, you're strange. You're always so overbearing enough to make other people draw away, and would do whatever you want even if they say no, but you show restraint in these kinds of situations." *(Eve)*

After saying that as if teasing me, she grabs my hand and urges me to advance forward. Therefore, I push Eve down onto the bed and put a cover over us.

We can hear each other's beating awfully loudly.

And then, we lock eyes.

Eve's eyes want me. So, I kiss her. We entwine our tongue.

I satisfied myself plenty, so I separate my mouth.

"Eve, I'll give you plenty of love." *(Kearuga)*

"Yeah, mess me up. Make me tranced by you... if you don't I feel like I might cry." *(Eve)*

I'll do just as she wishes.

And then, I tear off Eve's underwear, and advance forward into the place that I had enduring this whole time until now.





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Morning comes.

I gave love to Eve for the whole night yesterday.

It was Eve's first sexual experience, but thanks to her comforting herself all the time until now and me training her, it seems she was able to enjoy it from the first time.

I had been enduring until now, so I greedily devoured Eve many times, and Eve accepted it. As expected of all that enduring, not only my body's reaction, my mind's sense of accomplishment was tremendous.

I've been watching Eve's sleeping face since I woke up, but it's so lovely I can't quite get tired of it.

Eve wakes up.

Her eyes meet with mine, and from a blank face, she makes a complacent smile.

"Kearuga, you were too rough yesterday." (*Eve*)

"You liked it as well though." (*Kearuga*)

"Well of course, but... I might get pregnant." (*Eve*)

"Maybe." (*Kearuga*)

The truth is, that's not possible. I have properly been using contraception by putting **[Recovery Heal]** to practical use.

Without it, it wouldn't be strange if Freya and Setsuna are already pregnant. I am a gentleman. I think men who can't use contraception are the worst.

If a child is made now, it would be troubling in various ways. Once my journey for revenge finishes, it might be fine to make a child then.

I have been keeping this a secret from anyone. For instance, Setsuna seriously wants my child.

"Hey, Kearuga. You won't disappear right? You won't betray me right?" (*Eve*)

"Of course. As long as you stay as you are, I won't leave you." (*Kearuga*)  
I am sure of it.

If I ever leave Eve, that would be when Eve loses her radiance.

"Kearuga, I love you." (*Eve*)

Eve voluntarily kisses me. I accept it.

Now, my heart and body is connected with Eve.

Now, I'll work hard today as well.

First of all, I'll make the preparations for our journey, and then escort the kokuyoku tribe girls. And then...

I'll finally start moving to dispose of the demon king.

## Chapter 15: The healing magician suspects the demons

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The next day after connecting with Eve, I take the kokuyoku tribe girls with me early in the morning and head towards the village in the south.

Because we have a large number of people, we're walking without riding the raptor.

Eve and I are walking in the front, and Freya and Setsuna have been positioned in the back. There's a chance that survivors of the demon king army are still lurking, so we need to be wary of attacks.

From thinking about our fighting power, this has the best balance.

Our pace is quite fast. It will probably be tough for the girls' feet, but we are advancing on a very strict schedule by having them take turns riding the raptor and using a complete **[Recovery Heal]** on the tired ones.

It would be good if we arrive at the village before the sun sets though.

"Thanks for looking after everyone Kearuga." (Eve)

"I was looked after by Miru-jii-san and everyone from that village after all. It's my thanks for that." (Kearuga)

This is also a tribute to Miru-jii.

I was even given the precious god bird egg as well. Just as Miru-jii told me to, I have always been carrying it on my back after making a dedicated backpack for it, and recently the egg has become able to move.

The day it's born might unexpectedly come soon.

It's a monster of divinity that will be born with the influence of my mana and mind. Furthermore, it has even received the blessing of the god bird.

I have no doubt that it will have terrific fighting power.

"Have you ever gone to the village in the south, Eve?" (Kearuga)

"I haven't. But I think I met their representative a few times." (Eve)

"What type of people are they?" (Kearuga)

"They're called the star rabbit tribe. Just as their name says, they are people who have rabbit ears, and the monsters they use are rabbits. They don't have any unique abilities, but they all have amazing leg strength and it seems like they're the warrior type." (Eve)

Rabbit monsters are cute, but contradicting with their outer appearance, many of them are powerful. Their perception ability excels in proportion to their hearing ability, and just like Eve said, their leg strength is amazing. Leg strength has a direct connection to attack power and speed.

"I'm relieved we can interact with them. Being turned away would be quite troublesome after all." (Kearuga)

"Don't worry about that, the star rabbit tribe was originally appointed to a responsible post by the previous generation demon king, but the current demon king gave them cold reception. ... Besides, there is also a demon king candidate in the star rabbit tribe, and we made an oath that whether the star rabbit tribe's demon king candidate or the kokuyoku tribe's demon

king candidate becomes the demon king, the one who becomes the demon king would save each tribe." (Eve)

I see, since they don't know which demon king candidate will become the demon king, the current demon king's regime is afraid of getting revenge taken on them if the next demon king comes from one of the tribes they gave the cold reception to.

However, cooperating together like the kokuyoku tribe and the star rabbit tribe is a good idea. No matter which one is chosen as the demon king, they will have sweet feelings... It's good that their interests are clear.

There's nothing as uncertain as a person's emotions. When Eve becomes the demon king, if the other party can obtain profit, I can leave these girls that Miru-jii tried to protect with a peace of mind.

"Everyone, let's hurry. It's almost time to switch riding. If you're tired, feel free to tell me and don't force yourself. I can keep using **[Recovery Heal]** ." (Kearuga)

A voice comes back from the back.

Ellen, who seemed like she would be exhausted first, had improved her stamina before I knew it and is properly walking.

... She's also properly growing huh.

Like this, we continued walking while aiming for the star rabbit tribe.

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We take a break to also have lunch.

Leaving Eve and Freya to guard the kokuyoku tribe girls, I enter the forest together with Setsuna. Since I noticed a monster, I'm going to maintain our safety and secure ingredients for lunch.

"You've become considerably faster." (Kearuga)

"Nn. Level went up at once after all." (Setsuna)

The other day, we easily won against the demon king's army with the god bird's power. Setsuna, who was in our party at that time, also got that blessing.

There is a limitation to only having four people in a party at a time. Excluding Ellen, who is not a necessary person for battle, we usually form a party as a four, so Setsuna got that blessing in full.

Recently, because I have just been raising her level limit, her level hadn't caught up, but it's great that her level rose all the way to her limit in one go with that matter.

The current Setsuna should even be able to not lose against a hero.

"That's true. However, it seems that your senses haven't caught up with your rising physical ability because of the sudden level up. Your movements are awkward. Try hunting by yourself to accustomed yourself with your body. You can do it right?" (Kearuga)

"Nn. Leave it to Setsuna. The current Setsuna can easily deal with a monster of that extent." (Setsuna)

Setsuna's eyes become sharp. And then, she jumps.



Without landing on the ground, she kicks a tree trunk in the air and continues accelerating.

It's as if she's flying at a low altitude. She's slipping through the spaces between the trees in a zig-zag.

Because of her excess strength when stepping into them, Setsuna's footprints have distinctly remained on the tree trunks.

We are chasing a tanuki monster. Despite being a tanuki, it's slim, smart, and above all, it seems to know the forest well, so it makes use of shelters well and is skillfully escaping.

It would be difficult for even an elite hunter to catch that. However, it's helpless before Setsuna's current overwhelming speed.

"Good grief, Setsuna is a prodigy. Her sense is good. Let alone growing accustomed to it, in this short amount of time, she has already mastered her current body." (*Kearuga*)

I doubt I could have followed her with my eyes without using **[Jade Eye]**. She would have unfavourable progress if she just left her movements to her status.

It's a feat that can only be done because of Setsuna's sense that makes the best use of her speed. She catches up with the tanuki monster in speed, and lops off its head with her ice claws while passing by it.

Blood pours out like a water fountain. Setsuna drains the blood as it is, extracts the internal organs and returns after it's in an edible state.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna properly hunted it." (*Setsuna*)

"Yeah, you're a good girl." (*Kearuga*)

Because Setsuna looks at me with a greedy look, I stroke her.

Recently, Setsuna has been behaving like a spoiled child a lot more. She must have been lonely because I kept looking after Eve.

"Setsuna, I'll say this just in case, I think you're important as well. I don't intend on neglecting you." (*Kearuga*)

Certainly, I have been taking care of Eve recently.

She's my pure love partner, so she needs the appropriate treatment.

However...

"You aren't my lover like Eve, but you're my important property (toy). You're the most convenient and easiest to use, and I like you. It's impossible for me to part with you, so don't worry about it." (*Kearuga*)

I trust Setsuna more than anyone else, and Setsuna has the power to live up to that. As a woman and as a weapon, either way, Setsuna is supreme.

"Kearuga-sama, glad. You want Setsuna. That's relieving." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna blushes, and shakes her wolf tail. It seems she was more jealous of Eve than I had thought.

She deserves to be valued highly for not saying her complaints until now and not expressing that jealousy. I need to give a reward for my cute property (toy). I'll give her plenty of love as her master.

"We haven't done our daily routine this morning, so I'll love you here." (*Kearuga*)

When I whisper that into her ear, Setsuna's body trembles.  
A sweet smell hangs in the air. It seems Setsuna's switch has been flipped.

"Happy, Setsuna was always enduring." (*Setsuna*)

"We don't have much time. I won't be doing any foreplay for you."  
(*Kearuga*)

Setsuna nods.

And then, she places the tanuki monster on the ground, presses her hands against a large tree and pushes out her bottom.

"No foreplay is needed. By just thinking that Kearuga-sama loves Setsuna, Setsuna has become hot." (*Setsuna*)

Hou, it seems everything has been prepared.

I smile, and first tightly seize Setsuna's wolf tail roughly. From just that, Setsuna's spinal column bent backwards. And then, as intensely as I can, I gave love to Setsuna.

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After giving love to Setsuna, I **[Purified]** the tanuki monster and made tanuki soup.

The tanuki soup I served for lunch was greatly received by the kokuyoku tribe girls too. Not only is it tasty, there is an adaptable physical strength gene in this tanuki, so it contributes to raising our talent value.

However, I feel regret that I did something wasteful yesterday.

"I guess it was a mistake to have Freya burn them all." (*Kearuga*)

Yesterday, we gathered the demon corpses – which were all stripped of their possessions – and monster corpses in one place, and then turned them into ashes with Freya's magic.

To tell the truth, as far as I saw with **[Jade Eye]**, there were many among the monsters that attacked the kokuyoku tribe's village that possessed adaptable genetics.

That being said, eating the meat of the monsters that died because of the god bird's poison is dangerous, so I decided to burn them. Even if we were poisoned, if it's not an instant death, I can cure it, but Whether **[Recovery Heal]** will make it in time is doubtful.

"As usual, Kearuga-sama's cooking is delicious." (Freya)

"Nn. It gives energy." (*Setsuna*)

"Kearuga, seconds." (*Eve*)

"Me too!" (*Ellen*)

Whether they understand my regret or not, everyone requests seconds like always.

I wryly smile and give them large servings. The kokuyoku tribe girls timidly requested seconds as well. It's a good thing they have the energy to eat.

I should stop regretting. Things that were already burned can't be helped. My judgement of safety first shouldn't have been wrong.

We finish lunch, and once again start aiming for the star rabbit tribe's village.

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When we arrive at the star rabbit tribe's village, the security guys rush up to us.

We explain our situation, and because they let us through while smiling, it was a let-down.

The kokuyoku tribe girls were accepted without any problem, and they were given a house. As compensation for them being taken in, I pass them valuable things among the items at hand on the demon king army that I had the raptor carry, and they become all the more delighted, promising us that they would politely treat the girls.

And then, to answer their request for wanting to hear what happened to the kokuyoku tribe's village, Eve and I are being guided to a different location to the kokuyoku tribe girls.

"There are quite a lot of various demons in this village." (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, with the star rabbit tribe as the center, the prosecuted demons have gathered together." (*Eve*)

"... Isn't that bad? It's like asking to be killed." (*Kearuga*)

While I talk in a small voice with Eve, the rabbit tribe security supervisor man who is guiding me turns around.

"There is no need to worry. This village is hard to attack, and is a location that's easy to protect. We have plenty of fighting power, and we have repelled the demon king army many times... above all, it is not worth it for the demon king army. Small amounts of people from various tribes have gathered in this village, so just by making this fall, there's no way they can eradicate the hostile tribes. On the contrary, it creates several hostile tribes in one go." (???)

He's saying that full of confidence, but it's clearly strange.

By looking at this village from the demon king army's standpoint, I would conclude that it's a location where hostile tribes have a cultural exchange and share information. I would destroy that sort of place from the start.

However, it seems that it's true that they have plenty of fighting power.

Powerful monsters walk inside the village, and there are many influential demons and demons who are defending.

It also seems like they have the ability to gather information. They knew about the demon king army's attack on the kokuyoku tribe's village.

Before we explained our situation, they said we did well escaping from the demon king army's troops. After that, I checked to see if I was being tailed, and I immediately found people.

... Also, when I said we annihilated one group of the demon king's army when the village was attacked, they thought it was a joke at the start, but after I continued denying them, their faces turned serious and decided to send a scout to the kokuyoku tribe's village.

They are not being complacent about peace. They have accurate judgement.

It's increasingly becoming more suspicious; would those sorts of people say such optimistic things? It feels like they're hiding something.

And now, the person we will talk to is apparently the chief of this village, so we were passed into the most splendid residence in this village.

Even from just interacting with the security people since I came to this village, the existence of a leader that possesses deep feelings yet is shrewd appeared and disappeared.

They might help up out to defeat the demon king depending on our conversation.

... I can't fail.

While thinking that, I started concentrating my mind.

## Chapter 16: The healing magician obtains a strategist

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I had come to the village where the tribes that were persecuted by the current demon king have gathered. It's to leave the survivors of the kokuyoku tribe with them.

It seems everything is centered around the star rabbit tribe here. When we arrived at the village, we were surprisingly welcomed and invited to the residence where the star rabbit village's chief is.

The star rabbit tribe's chief is sitting down on a sofa. My first impression is that he's young and on the ball.

He's wearing a monocle, and his white, beautiful rabbit ears are his characteristic.

"Dear visitor, I have been waiting for you. Please take a seat." (???)

Taking his offer, I sit down on the sofa.

An employee comes out and serves tea. The nice smell of the tea leaves spreads.

Although the kokuyoku village had been troubled from just their daily meals, it seems this place has quite a lot of room.

I had been carefully observing the state of the village before coming to this residence, but this village was strangely wealthy and peaceful.

Hiding my alertness, I stick a mask of a smiling face onto myself and open my mouth.

"First, my thanks. Thank you very much for taking in the kokuyoku tribe. I am Kearuga. As you can see, I am a human." (*Kearuga*)

"How polite. Kearuga-sama, I am called Carol of the star rabbit tribe. And I am relieved that Eve-sama seems to be safe. It has been a long time." (*Carol*)

"It has been a while. Let me say my thanks as well, thank you." (*Eve*)

I see, this man called Carol and Eve are acquaintances.

As far as I can see from Eve's response, it seems that Eve at least thinks this guy's a good person.

"No no, since the star rabbit and kokuyoku have formed an alliance, I have only done what is a matter of course. We have also received considerable presents from Kearuga-sama as well... and I also heard from my subordinate. Apparently you annihilated that demon king army's elites. How did you annihilate them? It may become a clue to break through our predicament. Could you please teach me?" (*Carol*)

Carol leans his body forward. It's obvious he would be interested in it. That being said, from this way of speaking, I interpreted it as him knowing that the demon king army's elites were dispatched, and that he even knows their scope.

I wonder if they sent a scout.

However, even if they had sent a scout, they didn't know we had repelled the demon king army before coming here. This is full of uncomfortable feelings.

However, it would be unnatural to not tell the whole story of repelling the demon king army, and it's not like there are any demerits to not say it. I'll honestly tell him about it.

"Carol-sama, do you know of the god bird Caladrius?" (*Kearuga*)

"Of course. It's the monster of divinity that once accompanied the great hero from the kokuyoku tribe. Apparently, differing to the normal monster, it gives a trial, and only accompanies those who overcome it." (*Carol*)

"The story will be quick if you know that. Eve overcame the god bird's trial. And then, with the god bird's power, we annihilated the troops of the demon king army who attacked the kokuyoku tribe." (*Kearuga*)

Carol swallows his breath.

His pupil behind the monocle shines.

"Hou, so it had the exact same power as the legends huh. To think it would bury the demon king army's elites by itself." (*Carol*)

The questions have increased here. Carol isn't pleased.

No, it looks like he's pleased from the outside. However, as someone who was continuously betrayed, reading people's emotions is my forte. I look inside his mask.

Normally, he should have been pleased that an ally has obtained power to oppose the demon king army. Despite that, 'instead, my questions have increased' is what he's thinking.

"Yes, I was also surprised at the god bird's power, and at Eve who handled the god bird." (*Kearuga*)

Eve is feeling embarrassed.

I made some requests to Eve in advance. I want her to choose the information she should say, and to not expose any information about us.

"Kearuga-sama, you would be invincible if you have the power to easily win against the demon king. I don't think you can use that much power without any compensation. Are there any conditions or compensations for activating it?" (*Carol*)

... Conditions and compensation huh.

He's getting to the point and asking me that. It's as if he's assuming that Eve will fight them.

Fundamentally, I don't trust a single person. ... The only exceptions would be Setsuna and Eve.

I was painfully taught what will happen if someone unconditionally trusts people. For this reason, I doubt people. It's a type of disease.

Based on that, this guy is suspicious.

Eve looks towards me. She's confirming whether it's okay to talk about it. I tell her to stay silent with my eyes, and open my mouth.

"There are several conditions that are necessary for using the god bird's ability." (*Kearuga*)

"As expected, it was like that. Those conditions are?" *(Carol)*

He's taken the bait.

"Before that, please tell me why you want to know them." *(Kearuga)*

"Is it not natural I would want to know them? With Eve-sama and the god bird's power, we can go on the offensive. It's a chance to rebel against the demon king. Of course, I do not plan to make only Eve-sama fight. To cooperate as well, I want to know about Eve-sama's power." *(Carol)*

It more or less makes sense.

Even so, from my experience of always being deceived, my instinctive alarm bell isn't stopping.

Therefore...

"The god bird obtains power from the moon and stars. Unless there is a crescent moon like yesterday without any clouds, we can't use its power." *(Kearuga)*

I told a more or less believable lie.

He must know that the god bird's trial can only be taken during a period of time when the arrangement of the stars are at a certain position.

In that case, even if I say that the power is influenced by the waxing and waning of the moon, it shouldn't sound strange. Therefore, I told the lie that it can only be used when there's a crescent moon like yesterday.

"I see, so you can only use it on days when there is a crescent moon without any clouds. It is a power that is harder than I thought it would be to use." *(Carol)*

"Yes, it is troubling. The truth is, the god bird's poison can actually be nullified by eating apples. It is likely that the components of apples don't neutralize the poison, but apples have a conceptual significance." *(Kearuga)*

"Hou, apples you say. Legends say it is the fruit of life. For that reason, even against the god bird's poison... we absolutely cannot let the demon king army know of this. They will easily make a counter-plan." *(Carol)*

\*We smile wryly. And then, I taste the black tea.

In addition to ordering Eve not to tell him the information, I also told her to not taste the drinks or tea cakes.

... I was correct, poison has not been mixed into this black tea, but a truth serum is inside it.

It's tasteless and odorless. The effect is to the extent of loosening your reason and letting you slip information.

No matter what happens, it's not something you would use against your allies. I wouldn't have realised it unless I set my class as an **[Alchemist]**.

"Kearuga-sama, Eve-sama. It is already late today. Please stay at our village. We have made our preparations to welcome you. You guys are the heroes that sent an arrow back to the the detestable demon king after all. We will do our best to entertain you." *(Carol)*

Carol brightly smiles. I return his smile, and firmly shake hands with him.

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Everyone has gathered in the room we were given.

There was no poison or sleeping pills inside the cooking and alcohol that was taken out at the welcome party. It seems they don't plan to round us up here.

Therefore, we safely passed time at the welcome party... I once again thought this after participating in the welcome party. This place is too wealthy.

"Kearuga-sama, more tense than usual. What happened?" (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna asks me, but I press my index finger against her lips and tell her to be silent.

Next, I bring my mouth close to Freya's ear and speak in a low voice.

"Freya, can you make sure no sound leaks from the room with wind magic?" (*Kearuga*)

"It is possible. I will try it... **[Wind Cradle]** . It is okay now. They cannot eavesdrop on our conversation from outside the room." (*Freya*)

As expected of Freya.

Being the only one in the world who can use four great attributes isn't just for show. Fire that excels at offensive power, water that is useful on a journey. Apart from that, there is also the support orientated wind. Earth that demonstrates its power by installing traps. No matter what situation she is in, Freya can show her power.

"Everyone, don't be surprised. The star rabbit tribe is probably under the control of the demon king. They are traitors." (*Kearuga*)

Setsuna indifferently accepts it, Freya opens her eyes widely in surprise, Eve almost raises a loud voice saying that it's a lie, and Ellen closes her mouth.

Far from being surprised, Ellen made a reaction as if she had already assumed they betrayed. As expected of the strategy genius, princess Norn.

"The moment we arrived at the village, I thought it was weird. A village where the tribes that were persecuted by the current demon king gather. Furthermore, they have military power and population to some extent, and it's a village where their communication is lively. If I was the demon king, I would not allow the existence of villages like this. After all, it's the optimum location for the persecuted tribes to band together and work as one to revolt." (*Kearuga*)

Through this village, the persecuted tribes have gathered, and I'm certain their steps are matched. So to speak, it's a stopping point for information.

Even if there are a few sacrifices, it's normal practice of war to destroy it from the beginning.

"Kearuga, it's not nice to doubt them just because of that. They actually said they were attacked a few times as well." (*Eve*)

Eve says that as if sticking up for the star rabbit tribe. Towards that sort of Eve, Ellen opens her mouth.



"I also thought they were suspicious. Therefore, I asked the frequency and scale of the demon king army's attacks to the person that guided us. ... It is strange. I didn't feel any intention of trying to destroy this village. They repeatedly appointed small amounts of fighting power. Useless attacks like this are impossible. If it did happen, it would be some kind of camouflage. It felt like they were appealing that they are opposing each other." *(Ellen)*

Ellen matter-of-factly informs her that. Unlike her normal facial expression that always behaves like a spoiled child to her onii-sama, she has the face of a cool-headed strategist.

"I'm of the same opinion as well. I can understand it if they underestimated them and experienced one or two defeats. However, if they lost, anyone with a normal mind would put in more fighting power to win next time." *(Kearuga)*

It's impossible for someone to fight for the sake of losing.

"I can understand that it's strange. However, it's too pushy to suspect the star rabbit tribe just because of that." *(Eve)*

"That's not all. Apart from this, there were several points that are suspicious. The star rabbit tribe knew about the demon king army's attacks." *(Kearuga)*

"That's because they sent out scouts." *(Eve)*

"In that case, why would they not know we annihilated the demon king army even though they sent out scouts? Why did they not offer information to the kokuyoku tribe? If they were allies and obtained the information quickly, they should have at least provided information. If they had information, the kokuyoku tribe would have been able to cut down on the damage." *(Kearuga)*

"The star rabbit tribe find out at the last moment, and didn't have the time to tell the kokuyoku tribe, so the reason they didn't know the demon king army lost is because they returned before the battle started since it's dangerous." *(Eve)*

I can understand Eve's feelings of wanting to deny it, but that's definitely impossible.

Ellen opens her mouth as if taking over my words.

"'They made the scout return because it's dangerous'. That would be impossible. This village is a threat to the demon king army, and can be reached by walking one day from the kokuyoku village. If I was the top of the star rabbit tribe, I would predict that we would be aimed at next after the kokuyoku tribe, and make a counter-plan. I absolutely would not take my eyes off the demon king army. Despite that, the fact they made the scout return means they knew the demon king army wouldn't attack this village from the start." *(Ellen)*

Ellen informs her that with confidence.

There is a possibility that the star rabbit tribe is just stupid, but from looking at that chief, thoughts like that disappeared.

"That's a lie. If Ellen's words are true, this village is..." *(Eve)*

"Connected to the demon king. That is almost certain. If so, everything would be consistent." *(Ellen)*

Eve loses her words.

She is smart. It looks like she properly understands everything I explained until now.

"By camouflaging their attacks merely for form's sake, they are overlooking this village, and the demon king army is gaining information from the various tribes that have gathered here via the star rabbit tribe. You should think that the star rabbit tribe is buying their safety by selling the other tribes that gathered here. As far as the demon king army is concerned, it is more convenient to have this place." *(Ellen)*

"I'm of the same opinion as Ellen. And, Eve. Try and remember our conversation with Carol from before. He persistently asked about the god bird's weakness right? That was him searching for weaknesses to kill you. Therefore, I lied to Carol. If they find out that it can only be used on days with a crescent moon and no clouds, the area of the demon king will be short of hands on nights apart from ones with a crescent moon, and they will be exhausted from being on a state of high alert on days with a crescent moon. The reason why I said apples is the specific medicine for it is to invite negligence." *(Kearuga)*

If they leak our information, then I'll spread some convenient lies. This is also one of my usual measure.

It would be the best if they underestimate the god bird because they think they're fine as long as they have apples.

"Fortunately, they are under the impression that they deceived us. Together with Ellen, I'll think of a plan to make the best use of this situation." *(Kearuga)*

Eve clenches her fist tightly.

For the better or worse, she is pure. Her mind is hurting from the star rabbit tribe's betrayal. She can't understand why they would sell their comrades who are in the same circumstances to gain their own safety.

"... Hey, Kearuga. What are the girls going to do? If the star rabbit tribe has betrayed, we can't let leave them here. " *(Eve)*

"No, we'll leave them. While they still think we have been deceived, this village is safe. After all, it won't be assaulted by the demon king army. They also have value as a hostage against you, so we can't reach out to them. Above all, there is no other place more relieving than here for those girls." *(Kearuga)*

"But..." *(Eve)*

"If you want to save those girls, throw away your sentimental argument. Think about whether your feelings or those girls' lives are more important." *(Kearuga)*

Eve stops clenching her fist and looks up at the sky.

And then, she looks straight at my eyes.

"I got it. Kearuga. I properly understand. I won't do anything stupid."  
(*Eve*)

"That's good. Ellen, lend me your wisdom." (*Kearuga*)

"I understand! Since I cannot be of use in battle, things like this is my speciality." (*Ellen*)

That's reassuring. I'll borrow princess Norn's wisdom.

"Freya, it's okay to stop the wind magic now. Everyone, from now on, you're banned from having any conversations or behaving in a way that shows you have realized you're being deceived. Ellen and I will communicate in writing." (*Kearuga*)

"Since it's a magic that uses my nerves, I had just been thinking that any more than this would be hard. I'm saved." (*Freya*)

Towards the demon king, I spread the lie that the god bird can only be used on nights with a crescent moon to make him be cautious of the wrong timing, and the lie that they would be fine as long as they have apples.

Lies are poison.

I'll scatter plenty of poison tomorrow.

Together with Ellen, I started thinking about a strategy that would make the maximum use of this situation.

## **Chapter 17: The healing magician recognizes Ellen's power**

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Believing that the star rabbit tribe is connected with the demon king, Ellen and I thought all night long about a strategy to defeat the demon king by utilizing the fact that they think we were deceived.

Early in the morning the next day, I received a message from Carol's messenger, saying that they are going to open a meeting with all the representatives from each tribe, and that he wants us to participate.

It seems the meeting starts in the afternoon. It's one of the developments I had been expecting.

I can roughly imagine what they will talk about in that meeting as well.

Afternoon comes, and the place we are guided to is the conference room in Carol's residence.

Eve and I head towards it. It would be better to have Ellen there as well, but her intellect is a trump card. I don't need to thoughtlessly expose it.

In addition to the star rabbit tribe, five other races have gathered.

According to Eve, among the tribes that the demon king had his eyes on, there aren't many tribes that lost their country like the kokuyoku tribe.

In the unlikely event that their country is destroyed, they have sent comrades to various places, and because they sent people to this village as well, it seems they also fall under this category.

Besides the implication of being insurance, they also have the intention of gathering information in this village where several tribes gather. Apparently, the tribes that gathered in this village periodically exchange information with their own countries.

When I open the conference room door, Carol, the representative of the star rabbit tribe, waves his hand towards us.

"Kearuga-sama, Eve-sama. I am very sorry for suddenly calling you."  
(Carol)

"What exactly could this be?" (Kearuga)

"I thought about various things yesterday. Kearuga-sama and Eve-sama will become our hope. With your powers, not only can we put up with them, we can strike them. For this reason, I had the representatives of the tribes that were persecuted by the demon king!" (Carol)

What Carol is saying is just an official stance.

His true aim is to eradicate the tribes that are hostile to the current demon king. To do so, Carol is bound to set a trap to use Eve.

"So that was what it was. Eve and I were also thinking we wanted to defeat the demon king somehow. I am grateful to be able to gain your cooperation!" (Kearuga)

Since it is one of the developments Ellen had predicted, I have thought of a counter-plan. I'm looking forward to seeing how far the situation will move as she expected.

Once Eve and I take our seats, Carol starts talking. It seems he has gathered all the tribes that are in this village.

"The other day, the demon king's elite force was mobilized, and attacked the kokuyoku tribe's village... Even that Gram Grim force that was called the strongest." *(Carol)*

Many demons become agitated. While looking at each of their faces, I color code the agitated demons and non-agitated demons.

The agitated ones are most likely white. They are on the side that has been deceived by the star rabbit tribe. The ones that aren't agitated had this information beforehand, so they could potentially be black. The star rabbit and same demon king side tribes.

For the time being, three tribes are white. Two tribes are black.

*(TL Note: White = innocent, black = guilty. I chose to keep the words white and black because it said color code earlier.)*

"From the attack of hundreds of dreadfully strong demons and monsters, the annihilation of the kokuyoku tribe was inevitable. In reality, that was what happened. However... the strongest Gram Grim force was annihilated due to the power of Eve-sama and the legendary god bird Caladrius! Although the kokuyoku tribe wasn't saved, they splendidly retaliated!" *(Carol)*

The place gets excited.

It seems the demon king army's elite force, the Gram Grim force was the synonym of terror.

No, I also knew it. In the first world, the hero of the **[Sword]** and **[Gun]** were cornered to the verge of their deaths.

... Those guys were tough.

"I, the star rabbit tribe's chief, Carol will make a declaration here. A chance to win has finally been given to us. Why don't we stop running!? Now is the time for us to band together with Eve-sama at our center to overthrow the the current demon king!" *(Carol)*

Their resentment must have accumulated greatly, as most of the ones who gathered showed their enthusiasm from a speech of this degree.

The wild boar headed demon raises a hand. He is a demon that I temporarily judged as white some time ago.

"From just that story, I can't make my judgement. I want you to specifically tell us how you defeated the demon king's military force." *(???)*

He has an appearance that can really be called a military man. From experience, he's the type that can be trusted.

Carol sends a glance this way. It seems he's telling me to answer.

"The god bird Caladrius can make snow of disease fall. By sending the snow of death to the whole village of the kokuyoku tribe, we annihilated the demons and monsters there. If we feel like it, we can make snow of disease fall onto a whole town. ... If we make the snow of disease fall on the demon king's town in his home territory, we can kill one whole town." *(Kearuga)*

It becomes noisy nearby.

After hearing the power of the god bird Caladrius's power, everyone starts revering it. A god's power to easily destroy one town is that powerful.

"Everyone, it is just as you heard. We already sent a scout from the star rabbit tribe to the kokuyoku tribe's village, and there were no lies to this man's words! In other words, we can win against the demon king!" *(Carol)*

As expected of the star rabbit tribe. Because they have terrific leg strength, they probably gathered the information in one day.

"Let me suggest something. This power cannot be used on days when a crescent moon doesn't come out. The day before the crescent moon one month later, we will simultaneously raise a disturbance in various places. And then, during the chaos, Eve-sama will make the snow of death rain on the demon king's capital, letting us attack all at once when the functions of their capital are lost. After that an elite force will enter the castle and kill the demon king! Apart from our tribe, many demon king candidates live in the demon king's capital, so we can kill two birds with one stone by killing them as well!" *(Carol)*

I was almost about to laugh.

It's because this strategy was the same one I was planning on carrying out before. If we are going to make the maximum use of the god bird's power, there's nothing we can do except for that strategy.

I have no intention of being mean-spirited to this strategy. It is the optimum solution to kill the demon king. If our plan wasn't leaked to the demon king army, we would be able to succeed without any problems.

However... in reality, it is being leaked.

If we carry out this plan, the demons who revolt in the various places will immediately be captured and massacred by the demon king army that is lying in wait.

Eve will probably be killed as well by an assassin that's disguised as a guard before she summons the god bird.

The guys that attack the capital will easily have the tables turned on them. There will be no more demons that are hostile towards the demon king like this. That is the demon king and the star rabbit tribe's aim.

... That being said, Ellen is amazing.

Her rough assumption of the star rabbit tribe was the exact same. With limited information, she read through this situation. That's exactly why I can prepare a plan to utilize the strategy the star rabbit tribe suggested. I'll take over the plan Carol prepared as it is.

"Everyone! You must be too worn-out to keep running from place to place! Let's fight! We are fortuitous to gain the trump cards called Eve-sama and the god bird. If we let this chance escape, there will never be any chances to win again." *(Carol)*

People with the same opinion as Carol's words who say 'that's right' appear, and the quantity of heat in this place increases.

It's also great that the two tribes I judged were black are agitated. They have fulfilled their duties as decoys, and the remaining three tribes compulsorily got excited.

Their technique is quite fine.

The wild boar military man who was asking a question earlier made a sound containing discontent. And then, he once again raises his hand.

"Carol, I can understand why you would be enthusiastic. I have feelings like that too. However, we need to think about Eve-dono's feelings, who is the vital person here. I don't like having women and children fight. Needless to say, I can't stand seeing the person herself be forcibly kicked up to a higher position while ignoring her feelings. I wish to ask Eve-dono's feelings." (???)

This guy might be a good guy. It seems like I'll like him... no, I definitely shouldn't like him. For some reason, all the people I like die first. I should be careful.

Since Eve looks towards me, I tell her to do as we planned in our prior meeting.

"I plan to fight. I don't want to see anymore of my comrades to die. If they're going to be snatched away, I will be the one to steal!" (Eve)

The adults become encouraged by the girl's courageous words.

Only the military wild boar man has a face that seems sad.

"I understand. Eve-dono. My iron hog (tetsu inoshishi) tribe will undertake guarding you. With our power, we can at least become your shields."

"Please don't decide of your own accord, Guruga-sama!" (Carol)

Carol inhibits the military wild boar man in hot haste.

Well, he would probably hate having the guard role - that can kill Eve easily - given to someone who doesn't serve the demon king, furthermore if they are a tribe that has outstanding military prowess.

"Why? There are no tribes that excel at protection than us. Isn't that right, everybody?" (Guruga)

The man called Guruga seems to be greatly trusted, as the two other tribes I judged were white strongly recommended him. The two black tribes seem to have difficulty taking their move.

Even Carol couldn't push through this, so he timidly drew back, and the iron hog (tetsu cho) tribe that Guruga leads was appointed as our guards.

After that, concrete proposals come out in succession.

In the middle of that, I was carefully looking at the representatives of each tribe. Earlier, I roughly colour coded them, so I'm closely observing them to increase the accuracy of it. Who the allies are and who the enemies are. If I mistake any of them for something else, I can't win.

Because I had kept doubting people, seeing through others' thoughts is my speciality.

I also have Ellen's assistance. Ellen had me hold several questions in advance. By interweaving that question into the odds and ends of the

conversation, I can naturally colour-code them from their response and reaction.

As a result, it was the same as what I felt from my first impression, but I was able to confirm it. And now, the finishing touches. The meeting was reaching its end.

I stand up, greet each person, and shake their hands. The moment I shake their hands, I look through their memories with **[Recovery Heal]**.

Since it would feel out of place if I took the time to look through everything, I do it in an instant. If I do that, I can't search deeply. As a result of the reactions until now and **[Recovery Heal]**, I slip a letter that I prepared beforehand into the hands of the three tribes I judged as white and seem trustworthy.

The contents of it is...

**□The star rabbit tribe are traitors. They are selling information to the demon king. I want to start a true strategy meeting in the place that has been pointed out on the map.□**

Even if I look through their memories with **[Recovery Heal]**, I can't see their personality, so ascertainment is necessary. Therefore, I had been carefully observing them.

All the information in the obverse side of the meeting is being sent to the demon king, and in the reverse side of the meeting, we will outsmart them, and thrust a short sword before his throat.

Now, we will be enjoyably deceiving each other. The three tribes I gave letters to will come to the promised place.

Will I gain a bomb that's tied together with destruction, useful fighting power, or both. Either way, it seems like it will become something interesting.

I'm looking forward to the true strategy meeting from now.



## **Chapter 18: The healing magician gains new comrades**

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The meeting with five tribes, including the star rabbit tribe, finished.

In accordance with the star rabbit tribe's plan, the persecuted tribes have jumped to their feet by using Eve's power as hope. There's no problem with that itself.

From the beginning, I was planning to destroy the demon king. It's convenient to have reinforcements... The problem is, due to the star rabbit tribe that is leaking information to the demon king, the information has been leaked, and there's almost a hundred percent chance it will fail. I can't just be silent and overlook that.

"It's helpful that the other party thinks we have been deceived."

*(Kearuga)*

If I objected in that situation, there was even a possibility of being killed. Therefore, I purposely acted like I was deceived and let the plan advance to take them by surprise.

There are no pieces as easy to use as idiots that assume you have been deceived and dance for you. Having the information being leaked to the demon king means that any random information can also be sent to the demon king.

For example, by just attacking a few days faster than the plan, we should be able to easily take the enemy by surprise.

Because of the thoughtless information, the enemy will deploy excess fighting power at the informed date and time on the informed invasion route. The places apart from them will be short of hands.

Furthermore, he even believed stuff like we can only attack on 'the night of a crescent moon' and 'they will be saved as long as they have apples'. They're full of weak spots.

However, it's insufficient with just that.

I want to at least win over the iron hog (tetsu cho) tribe that has been entrusted with guarding Eve onto our side, and if possible, I want more helpers as well. For that reason, I ascertained which ones are not under the control of the star rabbit tribe from the meeting I had just now, and slipped a letter into their hands.

"Well then, let's immediately prepare. Eve and Setsuna, come with me."

*(Kearuga)*

"Nn. Setsuna has made her preparations." *(Setsuna)*

"This makes me nervous." *(Eve)*

Setsuna and Eve each grip their weapon and follow my back.

"Freya and Ellen will stay on standby here. You know what to do when the time of need arises." *(Kearuga)*

"Yes, we will do just as you said. Kearuga-sama, please take care."

*(Freya)*

"Kearuga-niisama, since I will work over a new plan using the information from the meeting you had some time ago, please look forward to it." (Ellen)

While watching over Freya and Ellen who are going to be house-sitting, I go outside from the basement of the residence we are borrowing.

The underground passage was not originally there. It's something I made by manipulating the ground with alchemy magic for when it comes to the crunch.

As long as this is enemy territory, I can't live with a peace of mind without having an emergency use escape route. The house we are borrowing is being observed, but since the inside has not been seen, I was comfortably able to prepare things like this.

Even the observations of the star rabbit tribe whose sense of hearing excels can't pick up sound from below ground.

Exiting the basement, we go out to the forest.

As I thought, alchemy magic is convenient. It can be put to practical use in many ways.

"Setsuna, Eve, don't lose focus. The guys we are going to meet from now are probably cautious of us, and... if I make a single mistake, they will turn and become an enemy. By just giving them a letter, let alone not believing me, at the present time, they would believe the star rabbit tribe more."

(Kearuga)

"That's true. They might be thankful to the star rabbit tribe because it's thanks to them that they can live peacefully." (Eve)

"Setsuna will put herself on guard. No matter what happens, Setsuna won't let Kearuga-sama die." (Setsuna)

There's a reason why I only brought these two along. Without Eve, the person concerned, it wouldn't even be worth considering. And in case there's a fight, I want fighting power. Setsuna who originally had self-defense strength is suitable.

Freya can play an active role during an exterminating war, but in a situation where there are a small number of people and the opponent's distance is close, it would be hard to participate, and her self-defense strength is poor. Ellen is out of the question to be fighting power. She will become an impediment.

There's no more personnel to select. However, just leaving the rear guards Freya and Ellen at the residence leaves me with uneasiness.

I told Freya to escape to the basement if she felt even a slight fear of her physical safety. Apart from the path to pass through the forest from the underground passage, there is a skillfully hidden forked road. If she leaves from there, she will be safe. Without realizing the hidden passage, the pursuers would be under the impression that she ran away into the forest.

"You don't have to protect me. I can do whatever for myself. I'm relying on you for Eve." (Kearuga)

"Understood. If the demons make any suspicious movements, their heads will immediately fall. Offense is truly the greatest defense." (*Setsuna*)

"That's the last move. Don't do anything until the last moment. Let's go as peacefully as possible." (*Kearuga*)

Setsuna has a more belligerent side than me. Since the ice wolf tribe is quite a battle race, she must have been influenced.

For some reason, Eve tilts her head.

"It's not like Kearuga to be peaceful. I thought you would delightfully suggest massacring them." (*Eve*)

"How rude. Except my targets of revenge and the ones who steal something important from me, I deal with them sensibly." (*Kearuga*)

That's right, I only have the intention to give back if I suffer damage.

To say nothing of being suddenly fought by a guy that might become my ally, I wouldn't get angry over such a trivial thing.

Now, it's almost the designated time that was written on the letter.

After a while, the people I called start appearing in ones and twos. Six demons and the several monsters they use. They seem to have abided my request to come with a small number of people.

... Or possibly, they might be quite confident in their skill and have the self-confidence to cut their way through it with the number of people they have, even if it's a trap.

The ones that appeared is the iron hog tribe that took the initiative in choosing to protect Eve at the meeting from some time ago and their follower.

In addition, the representatives of the wind weasel tribe and blaze horse tribe that I judged as white were there with their follower.

"We have come. Eve from the kokuyoku tribe, and the follower."  
(*Guruga*)

The military man-styled iron hog tribe man opens his mouth first and foremost. If I remember correctly, he said his name was Guruga.

It seems he thinks I am Eve's follower. He is misunderstanding, but there's no need to correct him. That way seems easier to operate.

"Thank you for coming. Is it fine for me to think you believed my story?"  
(*Kearuga*)

"The story that the star rabbit tribe betrayed huh... there were many things that added up when I thought about it that way. However... it is still not enough for me to believe you. I came here to obtain positive proof. The others are the same." (*Guruga*)

I see, his appearance is of a military man, but it seems he is not an idiot. This was also a test.

First of all, if there were any idiots who accepted and believed what I said without thinking, they would just hold me back, so I have no need for them as a comrade.

In that situation, I would quickly slip out of this village and defeat the demon king by ourselves.

And I would also give up if they were the type of guys to think I'm making a tell-tale of the star rabbit tribe. If they have a decent brain, saying the star rabbit tribe has betrayed would make them recall one or two occasions.

If they don't have that much consideration, aren't able to gather information or are the type of guys to immediately sell me out, I don't need them since they would just pull me back.

For that point, they have passed.

While doubting what I'm saying, they came to hear me out without leaking information to the star rabbit tribe. In this case, my story will be understood, and there will be no problems in winning them over as an ally.

"I understand. In that case, I will talk." (*Kearuga*)

I slowly said the whole story of why I doubt the star rabbit tribe. After that, I told them the method to ascertain whether the star rabbit tribe are traitors that Ellen drafted.

"... I see, the things you said certainly make sense. It is understandable that you would doubt them. And the method you said can truly ascertain whether they betrayed. Either way, for a while, my iron hog tribe will not circulate information to the star rabbit tribe. And if we ever find out that the star rabbit tribe is black, we will cooperate with you all." (*Guruga*)

"The wind weasels will also do that. Those rabbits, I thought they were suspicious from before. Carol is especially cunning." (???)

While chewing her nails, the marriageable, harsh beautiful woman tells me she has the same opinion as the iron hog tribe.

"The blaze horses are the same. I will say this just in case, but it doesn't mean I trust you all. However, I will doubt the star rabbit tribe. There is no way you all who crushed the demon king army's greatest fighting power would be the demon king's subordinates. I believe just that... we blaze horses also wish for such power. We can't ignore it." (???)

The young man with a horse lower half and a red mane seems he will take part in my plan for now. That's a good reaction. People that easily believe me here actually can't be trusted.

Not doubting people is the same thing as abandoning thinking.

"Thank you. In that case, please listen to my story for today. I want to talk about how we can use this situation. As long as the star rabbit tribe is leaking information, the success rate of the strategies he drafts are extremely low. However, we should not take this as a crisis, but a chance. We can send as much false information we want. We dance on his palm until midway, and at the very last moment, we can take actions that are different to the plan." (*Kearuga*)

Everyone nods.

It seems they have recognized the usefulness of it. I told them the strategy I talked about with Ellen from start to end. There were small parts that were pointed out, but they generally agreed.

The three tribes said they would cooperate if they become certain of the star rabbit tribe's misgivings.

"Thank you. I was able to have a productive conversation." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes. It is a discussion though. Can we talk about this story to the other tribes? Of course, I understand that the tribes other than us who attended the meeting the other day are black. There are reliable people even among the few tribes that were not called to the meeting." (*Guruga*)

Increasing our allies is desirable.

However...

"No, there is a possibility that they are under the control of the star rabbit tribe. For now, I want to just contain it within the members here." (*Kearuga*)

Right now, I should take the minimum amount of risks. Especially the fact that we are being deceived, our side noticing that is our greatest weapon. We can't let it be lost.

"I see, I understand. You have checked the star rabbit tribe with the method you talked about. If it goes well, our response will come within one week... That being said, there are a considerable amount of humans with eccentric personalities." (*Guruga*)

"Eccentric personality?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, the guys from my country said a human was welcomed as a guest to the demon king's castle behind closed doors. ... That human was a human, but it seems they were clad in mana that is greatly darker than a demon's mana." (*Guruga*)

!!? A human arrived at the demon king's side at this time!? Impossible.

Even the first world's hero party took many years to even arrive at the demon king's castle. And that human has darker mana than a demon.

Who in the world is it!?

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There is just one person that comes to mind.

When I looked at the Dioral King with my **[Jade Eye]** , it said Human (?). That matter is recalled to my mind.

Perhaps the demon king and the Dioral Kingdom is connected? Even princess Flare and princess Norn didn't know about that kind of information. I searched through their memories with **[Recovery Heal]** , but there wasn't even a fragment of that information.

However, it's not impossible. No matter what that king does, it wouldn't be strange. And if that was true, I can assume a further worst-case scenario.

... In the Dioral kingdom, the hero of **[Magic]** , the hero of the **[Sword]** , one of the three heroes, **[Hawk Eye]** and the strategist princess Norn has already been defeated.

They should painfully understand my strength. If I seriously try to win, it's likely that I can make one of their remaining, greatest fighting power, the hero of the **[Gun]** , cease being human.

And I have also become worried about the **[Sword Saint]** Kureha. Similarly to the hero of the **[Gun]**, she is also one of their remaining, greatest fighting power. She is suitable for being their trump card. That is my property (toy). I would be troubled if it's strangely tampered with.

"There are various people even among humans." (*Kearuga*)

"If you, who has become the follower of a demon princess, is saying so, then it must be true." (*Guruga*)

Hiding my agitation, I feign calmness.

The appearance of the strengthened **[Sword Saint]** Kureha and the hero of the **[Gun]** Bullet attacking me while clad in mysterious power has already come to my mind... I shouldn't think about that for now. Making allies here is the first priority.

After that, we separate after supplementing our earlier conversation for a while. After the iron hog tribe left, I breathe out a big sigh.

If the Dioral Kingdom and the demon king is connected, it will be bad.

Something important that I overlooked in the first world will probably hinder my plan.

I should somehow search for a way to get in contact with Kureha. I relied on her as a spy that searches in the Dioral Kingdom, but I have become unable to say that.

... My unpleasant premonitions are usually correct. I should immediately link up with her and include her in my party.

While thinking about that, the dedicated backpack for the egg moves greatly. It's the first time it made such a large movement.

"Are you going to be born soon?" (*Kearuga*)

There was no response. However, the egg continued moving.

It is going to be born at this timing. That will surely have some kind of significance.

It's a monster of divinity that received the god bird's blessing and will be born from my mind and mana. It will surely be a noble, sacred and powerful compassionate monster that will become my power.

Be born quickly, I'll use your power plenty.

## Chapter 19: The healing magician becomes a father

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It should be fine to say that my conversation with the three tribes that aren't connected with the demon king has succeeded for the time being.

At the very least, they haven't become enemies.

Since I especially needed to get along with the iron hog (tetsu cho) tribe that is guarding Eve, I feel relieved. I don't even want to imagine our guards being enemies.

Right now, I am returning to the residence we are borrowing through the basement. I am careful while going through the exit and entrance of the forest and I don't forget my disguise.

"At any rate, a human with contact to the demon king huh." (*Kearuga*)

Gaining this information can be called fortuitous. I hadn't even considered it until now.

The lie that we will carry out our plan on a night with a crescent moon is showing effect. Because of that lie, we have earned a one month time period.

During that time, I want to contact the **[Sword Saint]** Kureha somehow. If I slip out of the village somewhere and return all the way to Buranikka, the town where humans and demons coexist, it should work out.

Before that...

"I need to greet you, right?" (*Kearuga*)

I stroke the egg that's in its dedicated backpack.

It has been moving since some time ago, and I can feel its pulse and mana throbbing violently. This child will probably be born soon.

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Two days have passed.

In those two days, I basically raised my level by hunting monsters in the forest and searched for a way to return to Buranikka so I can contact the **[Sword Saint]**.

I was also helping the iron hog tribe to confirm the star rabbit tribe's betrayal. If they are fast, they should be able to collect positive proof by the day after tomorrow.

"Kearuga-sama, look. It will be born soon." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna is fixedly looking at the god bird's egg that has been placed on top of the cushion.

Eve, who is next to her, opens her mouth.

"I'm looking forward to it, but it's scary. It's a child that received influence from Kearuga after all. A dreadful thing will probably be born." (*Eve*)

"It will surely be a strong and cool child." (*Freya*)

"Yes, it is Kearuga-nii sama's child after all." (*Ellen*)

The cherry blossom coloured sisters are also eagerly waiting for the birth of their new comrade. The egg's movement has finally become more intense.

Right now, we are all intently watching the egg inside the house we are borrowing. Just some time ago, a crack appeared in the interior of the egg, so Setsuna called everyone over.

While swallowing saliva, everyone is watching over it. However, just watching it like this feels mentally fatiguing.

We should chat while watching over it.

"About this god bird's egg, the truth is, it's not just absorbing my mind and mana. It's also absorbing the mind and mana of everyone near it. It seems that it's a glutton, so it wasn't satisfied from just my mind and mana." (*Kearuga*)

**[Jade Eye]** can see the flow of mana. When I looked at it with it, I noticed it was gathering everyone's mind and mana who are close to me. In other words, this child is a child that received not just mine, but everyone else's influence.

"In short, this child is Setsuna and Kearuga-sama's child. ... Happy. A real child isn't quite being made, but Setsuna's dream came true in this form. Next is working hard on a real one." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna energetically swings her white tail, and decides an unthinkable matter.

I had vaguely realized it, but Setsuna wants a child with me. When I give love to Setsuna, she always clings on until I'm exhausted.

If I wasn't using **[Recovery Heal]** as contraception, she would have become pregnant a long time ago. I'm using contraception right now as it would be a inconvenience for a journey, but if I deal with the demon king, the hero of the **[Gun]** and destroy the Dioral Kingdom, making a child might be nice. I feel that making a child with Setsuna isn't that bad.

"I-, I don't particularly want a child with someone like you. But this child that will be born will be a newcomer. I will properly look after it. There's no deep meaning to why I'm going to pamper this child." (*Eve*)

*Are you a tsundere!? Is what I retorted.*

Contrary to her tone, Eve is looking at the god bird's egg with enthusiasm.

"That is nice. It is Kearuga-sama's child. Hearing that has made it increasingly adorable." (*Freya*)

"... I feel slightly complicated. I am happy about having a child with Kearuga-niisama, but since my mana is evidently insufficient, it feels like my ratio is low. I am jealous of everyone here who have an absurd amount of mana." (*Ellen*)

Freya is calm as usual, and Ellen is subtly spitting out poison while holding a strange jealousy.



Ellen is bothered about the ratio, but the mind and mana it ate from me is about a 70% of its whole, and the remaining 30% has been split up by everyone, so it is within range of calculation error.

No, 30% might unexpectedly be big.

If it was just me, it would clearly become a monster that is obedient, kind and has an overflowing sense of justice.

However, apart from Setsuna and Eve, I'm a bit uneasy about it eating the minds and mana of former princess Flare and former princess Norn.

"I'm worrying too much." (*Kearuga*)

After becoming Freya and Ellen, they have become my obedient and cute possessions (pets). The egg was just distorted in the middle of its growth, and its true nature shouldn't be that bad. It shouldn't have that much negative influence.

At any rate, after hearing it has also received their influence, Setsuna and Co has become more interested in the monster that will be born from the god bird's egg.

The egg's crack became larger. The sound of the egg being struck became stronger.

The egg breaks, and a monster comes out.

It's a quadrupedal beast type that has fluffy golden body hair which is tinged with red. The ends of its ears, hands and feet are black, as if it's wearing socks.

Its neck, stomach and end of its tail is white, which gives a lovely accent. That fluffy animal shakes its body and tail. Its tail is considerably splendid.

"Kearuga, this is my first time seeing this animal. What kind of monster is it?" (*Eve*)

"Setsuna knows. This child is a kitsune. A kitsune monster. Setsuna senses unbelievable power... it's probably stronger than Setsuna. As expected of Kearuga-sama and Setsuna's child." (*Setsuna*)

A kitsune was born.

On top of that, it's a kitsune cub. Strange.

From what I heard from Miru-jii, monsters of divinity aren't born young as they don't grow. They are born in a completed form from the start. Despite that, it's strange that it's a child. Was the mana insufficient?

No, that's not it. I can tell without even using **[Jade Eye]**.

This child's power is tremendous. It seems this is not its young body. Besides, it is too fluffy to be a kitsune cub.

When they are born, kitsunes are not so fluffy. Their appearance is like a dog and the colour of their fur is dark, and when they become an adult, they become fluffy and the colour of their fur also changes to a brilliant light brown. Despite that, this child is already light brown coloured and is fluffy.

...This child is probably complete with this. It looks like a kitsune cub, but it seems to be a race with this appearance in the first place.

"Let me see, can you understand what I'm saying?" (*Kearuga*)

From what I heard, it becomes emotionally attached to the parent it took mind and mana from. However, if it becomes an evil monster, it will even eat its parent to death.

This is slightly bad, I thought I would be able to calmly deal with it even if an evil monster is born, but this fellow is bad. It's too strong.

Because I saw its strength with **[Jade Eye]**, I know the strength that's hidden inside it. It is almost impossible to defeat it without being hurt.

The kitsune cub looks towards me. Its round and cute eyes are lovely.

"Ko~n♪"

It jumps at me after raising a fawning voice. I catch it in my arms in a panic.

It's warm, soft, and fluffy. What is this great hugging sensation?

The kitsune cub started soundly sleeping in my arms. It feels like my hardened heart is being healed. It's too cute.

"Kearuga-sama, let Setsuna stroke it too." (*Setsuna*)

"Uwaaa, why was such a cute child born from Kearuga!?" (*Eve*)

"It is round, tiny and wonderful. I was expecting a cool child, but this is good in its own way." (*Freya*)

"Kearuga-niisama, I want to carry it in my arms!" (*Ellen*)

It seems to be greatly popular in the female camp as well. The kitsune cub makes quite cute reactions to having its head stroked and hugged by them.

... It's as if it knows what reaction will please them the most.

Because it's too perfect, it's suspicious.

Since I am rebellious... wary, perfect things are what I doubt the most.

That being said, I wonder why such a child was born. It's mysterious.

A harmless, friendly and cute monster is strange.

That reminds me, there are many kitsune monsters that can manipulate fire and illusions. Above all, they disguise themselves and are sly.

I look at its abilities with **[Jade Eye]**. Like kitsune monsters, this child possesses an ability to manipulate fire, and ability to manipulate illusions, and a shapeshifting ability.

Are all these lovely actions an act?

Including me, it has eaten the mind and mana of quite two-faced guys, and it probably received the wolf component from Setsuna.

When I think about it this way, I can understand why this kind of child was born.

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**Race: Platinum One Tail□Crimson**

**Name: Not Yet Established**

**Class: Divine Beast**

**Level: 30**

**Status:**

**MP: 133/133**

**Physical Attack: 71**

**Physical Defense: 59**  
**Magic Attack: 98**  
**Magic Resistance: 59**  
**Speed: 83**  
**Level Limit: 80**

**Talent Values:**

**MP: 106**  
**Physical Attack: 110**  
**Physical Defense: 90**  
**Magic Attack: 154**  
**Magic Resistance: 90**  
**Speed: 130**  
**Total Talent Value: 680**

**Abilities:**

**Purgatory Magic Lv1**  
**Illusion Magic Lv1**  
**Shapeshifting Lv3**

**Skills:**

**Purgatory Flames:** Lets the fire magic ability class up to purgatory magic. If it is class upped, summoning purgatory flames is possible.

**Echochrome:** Increased correction to illusion magic's power and effect time. By increasing the consumption mana threefold, the effective time of illusion magic on a separate item can become infinite.

**Divine Beast:** While being a monster, it is a existence that has walked in on the god's domain. Increased correction to all stats and automatic recovery. Voids restraints, weakening corrections and condition abnormality apart from the [Parent] .

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It has a tremendous status, and its abilities and skills are excellent.

The total talent value 680 even surpasses Eve, a demon king candidate. This is my first time seeing a digit like this. Purgatory magic is unfortunate though.

Since it is something that was evolved from fire magic by a skill, even I can't copy the ability.

"On top of being strong, it's a cunning fellow." (*Kearuga*)

By looking at it with **[Jade Eye]** , I have finally confirmed it.

Fawning on me and pleasing the female camp are all part of the kitsune cub's calculations. I should get insurance.

While the kitsune cub is desperately trying to please, I take the opportunity to change my abilities so that I specialize in magic.

I use a magic formula, which I based off of a slave's collar, for making a monster serve me. Only I, its **[Parent]** , can disregard the kitsune cub's resistance against restraints and condition abnormalities.

Without leaking any mana, I created the magic formula so it wouldn't be exposed. I soak my blood in a unique magic needle that I prepared beforehand for ritual-use and stab it into the kitsune cub's heart. A binding magic formula for subordination was engraved on the kitsune cub's heart.

"Kyan-!!"

The kitsune cub raises a scream, and hops out of Ellen's arms. However, the magic formula is completed.

Now this child can't run away from me, and it also can't hurt me.

... At any rate, it is glaring at me with an intense look. You wouldn't think this monster is the same kitsune cub that was acting like a spoiled child before.

I broadly grin while looking at its original expression.

It immediately returns its expression to normal. It's teary eyed as if saying "*it hurts~*". And then, it tilts its head. Sly and cute.

"Koya~n..."

Incidentally, because the expression changed too quickly, the female camp didn't notice the expression this fellow showed.

"Kearuga-sama, abruptly using a needle is pitiful." (*Setsuna*)

"That's right, this child was surprised." (*Eve*)

Yeah, as expected of my monster.

It has deceived everyone apart from me without fail and has already secured a position of being loved in the party. If I didn't engrave a magic formula with the magic needle, it might have already ran away today.

This calculation level can actually be relied on. No matter how malicious it is, it is certainly cute, so I'll pamper it plenty later.

The kitsune cub is once again caught by the female camp who do nothing but pamper it. Oh, I know. It would be pitiful if it's always a kitsune cub, so I should give it a name.

It's feigning innocence, but there's nothing to criticize about its fighting power. I'll be relying on it plenty.

## Chapter 20: The hero of the [Gun] falls in love

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### ~Dioral Kingdom, at the audience room~

In the Dioral castle, there is an obverse side of the audience room and a reverse side of the audience room. The reverse side of the audience room's existence itself is only known to some people.

...It's because the people who know of the Dioral Kingdom's undersurface face are either erased or brainwashed.

This room is rarely used, and even princess Flare and princess Norn have only entered it a few times.

That room is being used.

A heavy, dignified door opens. The ones that entered are the giant, dark skinned, skinhead man and some knights.

At the same time they pass through, the door automatically closes and locks itself. Furthermore, even a barrier is deployed. Obviously, it was prepared so that the people inside can't even leak out a sound.

As long as they don't use a magic that is only handed down the royal family, no one can enter, and no one can leave.

Anyone would be flustered if they were taken to a room like this. However, the smile of the giant man whose features a skinhead and dark skin didn't stop.

He is wearing priest clothes, but they don't quite suit him, and it seems like it will rip from being swelled up by his muscles.

"Welcome, hero of the **[Gun]** , Bullet." (???)

"It has been a while, king Dioral. Just, please do not call me the hero of the **[Gun]** , Bullet, but rather, priest Bullet." (*Bullet*)





The man who was called to this room is the hero of the **[Gun]** , Bullet. He is the last hero that the Dioral Kingdom manages, and is the “strongest” hero. That huge silver gun that can even be called a pronoun was taken away by the soldiers before he entered this room.

He normally hides the fact that he’s a hero, and protects the church as a priest and administrates the orphanage. His popularity is thick, and he is loved dearly by the people and children.

“You know the reason I called you right?” *(King)*

“... Yes, it is probably for me to deal with the hero of **[Healing]** .” *(Bullet)*

Bullet further narrows his narrow eyes.

He has an independent intelligence network that doesn’t rely on the kingdom. He doesn’t trust the kingdom. He understands that they are only letting him live because he has utility value. If it becomes inconvenient for the kingdom, they would probably dispose of him immediately.

For this reason, it was imperative to be independant.

“Heroes can only be killed by heroes. My daughter, the hero of **[Magic]** Flare was defeated, and afterwards, she betrayed the Dioral Kingdom and I after being either tortured or brainwashed, while staying near that guy. You are the only one who can take on two heroes.” *(King)*

“Are you prioritizing killing the two heroes instead of rescuing princess Flare?” *(Bullet)*

“That’s right. Save my daughter if it is possible. However, killing those two should be prioritized.” *(King)*

The king’s face warps.

Even though the hero of **[Healing]** is already troubling, the hero of **[Magic]** is cooperating with the hero of **[Healing]** .

To not affect the soldiers and the people’s morale, he has been sealing people’s mouths, but because there were too many witnesses, he can’t prevent the spreading of information... The most problematic thing was princess Flare’s speech. Because words of equality and peace that sound good to the ears were sent from someone who has the appearance of a holy woman, there are many that have been poisoned.

For this reason, he was in a hurry. The Dioral Kingdom’s base might shake.

He will certainly kill the hero of **[Healing]** , Kearu. And he will take back his daughter, princess Flare, if possible, but it’s fine to kill her if that is difficult.

Flare, the failure, is different to Norn, and has had few successes. It’s not like there are no substitutes.

“Certainly... is what I want to say, but it is impossible for me. Although they were hit with surprise, challenging the one who the hero of the **[Sword]** and one of the three champions, **[Hawk Eye]** , who had gained the **[War Hero]** , princess Norn’s, strategy couldn’t beat is too much.” *(Bullet)*



Bullet shrugs his shoulders in disappointment. There are mainly three reasons why he is reigning as the strongest hero.

The first one is the fact that the **[Gun]** is overwhelmingly excellent as a weapon. It can attack without pause while maintaining its accuracy and precision even from long distances. It is inferior to the hero of **[Magic]** in annihilation power, but the range exceeds it and can overwhelm others.

The second one is his overwhelmingly high level and combat experience. Not much time has passed since the hero of **[Magic]** and the hero of the **[Sword]** has awoken. In contrast with that, it has been more than twenty years since the hero of the **[Gun]** has awoken. He accumulated many things in those twenty years.

The third one is his wariness. He doesn't overestimate or underestimate himself. He doesn't risk danger. He doesn't trust anyone. Constantly preparing insurance.

Thanks to that personality, he was able to survive until now.

"Priest Bullet. You say it is impossible huh. I plan on preparing reinforcements. They are a group of elites that have the **[Sword Saint]** that was raised to the three champions status because of **[Hawk Eye's]** death. That being the case, the work should be easier right?" *(King)*

The king smiles, and like always, Bullet still has a nice, smiling face stuck on his face.

"It is not that kind of problem. The hero of **[Healing]** hasn't shown the depths of his abilities. What we know at the present condition, is that he has some kind of brainwashing ability that won over the hero of **[Magic]**. He can use sword techniques at the level of the **[Sword Saint]**. Furthermore, he has a recovery ability that can even heal a whole arm. ... If he can do this much, he is surely hiding more hands he can play. It is not sane to challenge a monster that is hiding his hand while the hero of **[Magic]** is accompanying him." *(Bullet)*

Bullet was collecting information of the hero of **[Healing]** with his own power. He knows that he last appeared at Buranikka and is heading deeper into the demon king's territory.

Besides that, there are two powerful members apart from the hero of **[Magic]** in the hero of **[Healing's]** party... And he also knows that the hero of **[Healing]** defeated **[Hawk Eye]** one on one.

He approves of the **[Sword Saint's]** true strength, who the king Dioral is suggesting, and he understands his own strength. From the hand he can see, he's confident that there's a 70% chance he will win.

However, there is a 30% chance he will lose.

Furthermore, he can't see the hero of **[Healing's]** hidden hand. Challenging him in such conditions is just stupid.

"Priest Bullet. Are you going to disobey me, the king?" *(King)*

"Not at all, that is unthinkable. Due to princess Norn's campaign failing, the elite force was annihilated. **[Magic]** and **[Sword]**. If the Dioral Kingdom that even lost **[Hawk Eye]** were to lose **[Gun]** and **[Sword Saint]**

, it would be taken advantage of by foreign countries. In reality, the surrounding countries have already turned their poison fangs towards us. I am saying this because of my love to this country." *(Bullet)*

What the hero of the **[Gun]** is saying is correct.

The Dioral Kingdom is already resented.

Using the fact that they are at the foremost line at the battle against the demons, they demanded support for their war expenditures, and stole large amounts of funds, personnel and techniques from other countries. The countries that refused were punished as enemies against humanity.

The reason they were able to do such things, is because of the irregular existences of the heroes and princess Norn's diplomacy ability. If they lose **[Gun]** in this situation, the Dioral Kingdom will be destroyed by the surrounding countries.

"That is funny, it is unthinkable for priest Bullet to do something for someone other than himself... you are making an excuse. This is an order. If you are to disobey me, your personal secrets... I can teach you the real meaning of graduation in public." *(King)*

What he means by graduation is just what the name says, it's about the orphans in Bullet's orphanage leaving the nest. In public, they were explained to have left the orphanage after becoming workers, live-in servants, or possibly adopted children.

... There are those types of kids as well, but most are different.

Bullet can't love anyone apart from boys.

That orphanage only takes charge of good looking boys. The boys are raised to his liking, are trained, and become outlets for his sexual desire.

At the time when they are the most beautiful, Bullet kills the boys and preserve them, making them part of his collection. After approaching their peak, they do nothing but deteriorate. The boys become men. Bullet can't forgive that.

Yesterday, he stopped another boy's time. He indulged in the boy at the best moment, ran out of tasting him, and stopped his time. To Bullet, stopping a boy's time and making him last for eternity is a necessary action, and is the best amusement.

"My my, it would be quite tough if you are to say that. I wouldn't be able to do my artistic activities. I understand, I will devote my power to subjugating the hero of **[Healing]** ." *(Bullet)*

While saying that, Bullet started thinking of how he could run away from the Dioral Kingdom inside his head.

The Dioral Kingdom is certainly charming. Thanks to the trust he piled up and the royal family's assistance, he chose high quality boys and received them.

The process of rearing, training, loving, killing and preserving that he was doing until now would have been extremely difficult if it wasn't the Dioral Kingdom.

.... Even so, being able to love the boys is originally because he is alive.

*I was planning to eventually cherish the hero of **[Healing]** , but if we are going to fight now, it would be better to hold onto him as part of my collection and then run to another country. There, I will rebuild my paradise for square one, and wait for a chance. Before escaping out of the country, I will have all the children I haven't broken yet and kill them. Unripe fruits have their own charm.*

*"That is reliable. As expected of the strongest hero." (King)*

*"I will certainly deal with the hero of **[Healing]** ." (Bullet)*

*That will not be now. Only after my preparations for certain victory are finished.*

*Wait for me, cute Kearu.*

*It was love at first sight. The moment I saw the portrait, I ejaculated. That is the ideal boy. I will love, love and love and then add you to my collection while you are still beautiful.*

*"King Dioral, has our talk finished?" (Bullet)*

*"Indeed, I gained priest Bullet's cooperation after all... **did you think I would say that?**" (King)*

When king Dioral says that, knights slowly approach and surround priest Bullet, shortening the distance. Priest Bullet unconsciously reaches his hand out to his reliable partner, the **[Divine Treasure Arms]** gun, but that was taken away before he entered this room.

*"Well, king Dioral. It may just be my imagination, but I feel bloodlust aimed at me." (Bullet)*

*"I hate the ones that try to deceive me the most. Just like you." (King)*

*"I have no idea of what you are talking about." (Bullet)*

While being cautious of the surroundings, priest Bullet tilts his head. Even in this situation, he was calm.

*"I borrowed a convenient monster from the demon king. I can read minds. Unfortunately, I also know that although you are nodding right now, you plan on escaping." (King)*

*"... Hahaha, that is a convenient monster. Are you not embarrassed to join hands with the demon king?" (Bullet)*

*"Hou, you weren't surprised that I joined hands with the demon king. You, did you know about it?" (King)*

*"Well, from a while back." (Bullet)*

He couldn't keep anything secret because of the monster that can read minds. Besides, there is no point to it, so Bullet indifferently replies.

At the same time, he experiments. He has some knowledge of how many bodies the mind reading monster has, and that there are a thousand various differentiations of reading the mind. He thinks of a method to see what pattern it is, and looks at the Dioral king's reaction.

*I see, he can't read this way of thinking... With this, I can sort which thoughts he can read and which thoughts I can hide.*

*"Your ears are good. As expected of the strongest hero. However, your **[Gun]** is not here. No matter how strong you are, you can't rival 'evolved'*

knights unarmed. Stay quiet. You are capable, but you were hard to use. You will become a good piece if I 'evolve' you." (King)

While following the knights' movements with his eyes, he thinks in a way that won't be read.

*This is evolution? I don't want it even if I die. As if I can stand being captured and becoming such a dirty doll.*

*I can tell from looking. They have quit humanity. The mana they are shrouded in isn't a human's mana. It's not human nor demon nor monster, it's something more different and filthy.*

"Sorry, because I am bad at giving up... and a piece of advice, you underestimated heroes too much. Because you are like that, the hero of **[Healing]** was able to do as he pleased." (Bullet)

He brought out a pistol from the pocket of his priest clothes.

And then, he rapid fires six bullets with a quick draw. A mana bullet struck the surrounding knights and the Dioral king, making their brains explode.

Priest Bullet doesn't trust other people.

He has even continued lying about the real appearance of his **[Divine Treasure Arms]**. It is to use it as a trump card when the time comes.

This pistol is the real form, and it becomes a huge gun by putting on the gigantic optional parts.

When he left his weapon with them, he only handed them the exterior, and didn't let go of the real body. Being unarmed in 'enemy territory' is impossible.

Bullet examines his escape route.

A cancellation code that only the royal family knows is necessary to open the door, but he has a few ideas of it. He should be able to get out if he takes some time. The problem is after he leaves.

He became a king killer. Unfortunately, he probably doesn't even have the time to pick up his collection. He needs to get out of the country even a second faster.

**"FUHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! HAHHAHAHAHAHAH!!!!!"**

A laughing voice reverberates.

It is from the Dioral king who died after his brain was thrown out. The knights stand up one by one.

"... To think you went that far. So you abandoned humanity, and degraded to a beast it seems." (Bullet)

The scattered blood and brain fluids turns into black fog, going back to their original positions.

"Degraded? I wish you would call it evolved. Now, you can keep killing me as many times as you want. Until your stamina and mana run out, that is." (King)

Priest Bullet laughs. He has become fine.

Even in this situation, he has not been put in disorder. From the moment he was called to this room, he had hypothesised this possibility.

However, by that time, he was already powerless.

*I bet on a ray of hope and came here, but it was useless. That's it... That being said, I can't just take damage. I have already made harassment preparations.*

He identified the **[Sword Saint]** as a spy for the hero of **[Healing]** .

Therefore, using his subordinates, he interfered with the **[Sword Saint's]** duty to put off the day she comes back to the royal capital for two days later.

If I hadn't done so, the **[Sword Saint]** would have been here as well, captured by the king. If something happens to himself, he arranged for all the information he searched to pass onto the **[Sword Saint]** .

If she sees that, without returning to the Dioral Kingdom, the **[Sword Saint]** should go towards the hero of **[Healing]** who advanced past Buranikka.

*This is a present to the hero of **[Healing]** . As if I could hand the cute Kearu to such a monstrous king.*

"Hero of **[Healing]** . I wanted to give love to you, raise you, and then kill you." (Bullet)

*I recall the cute Kearu's face that I fell in love with the moment I saw his portrait. I became erect from just looking at his face, and I couldn't stand my want to love him.*

While masturbating to Kearu's face, priest Bullet continued killing the resurrecting knights over and over again.

He is not just recklessly killing them. He looks at their movements from the moment they revive, and tries to read the structure of this black power. He adds differences to each method of killing them.

Priest bullet has a bad trait of stalking and not giving up.

*I faintly smiles... because I finally understood the trick. With this, there is a possibility I can save myself without being overwhelmed.*

*My mana is at the limit. There is only one bullet left. I have decided the way of using it.*

"Are you already at your limit, priest Bullet!? Now, you will become the same existence as us!" (King)

"I decline. I will stay as myself... and I have decided to remain married for life to the ones I love." (Bullet)

The hero of the **[Gun]** , Bullet, shot personally shot a bullet into his temple.

His large build collapses.

This is the finishing touches of the trick to maintain his ego even if he is invaded by the black something.

*... The king will surely be under the impression that I suicided before becoming a monster. That is fine. I will take that opportunity.*

*Even if I become a monster, I won't lose myself. I will find a chance after acting like I am being used as much as possible. ... And then, I will love the hero of **[Healing]** , Kearu.*

“HAHAHAHAHAHA!!! there is no way you can escape by doing something on the level of suicide. Oi, Reeharouze. Evolve this guy as well. A **[Hero]** will be evolved. HE WILL BECOME AN OUTRAGEOUS MONSTER!!!” *(King)*

The king laughs loudly, thinking that the hero of the **[Gun’s]** suicide was pointless.

A woman with membrane wings and violet skin appears from the king’s shadow, and sketches a carved seal on the hero of the **[Gun’s]** corpse with her own blood.

However, the king hadn’t noticed.

A trick to preserve himself even if he degrades to something strange-looking was hidden in the hero of the **[Gun’s]** suicide. Not only that, he had also let the **[Sword Saint]** hold information to make her head towards the hero of **[Healing]** .

In this situation, the strongest hero did what he needed to do without any disturbance.

Everything was for the sake of preserving himself so that he could love, raise, kill and live together for eternity with the cute Kearu who he fell in love with at first sight after finding him.

## Epilogue: The healing magician leaves the village

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*"\*K-kushun!!\*" (Kearuga)*

I sneezed.

*"Kearuga-sama caught a cold?" (Setsuna)*

Setsuna worriedly looks at my face from below.

We are currently in the forest. We are raising our levels by hunting monsters.

It's not just for that, as it is also for eating monster meat that have monster genes that we haven't taken in yet to raise our talent values.

... Is the surface reason. I'm searching for a way to slip out of this village. If we are going as a party, we'll slip out at night through the underground pathway.

However, to save the **[Sword Saint]**, I will head to Buranikka by myself. I can't just go at night when the monsters are active and the vision is bad, but going during the daytime by using the underground pathway has a high risk, so I'm searching for a gap in their security net like this.

The star rabbit tribe is wary, and a lookout is even watching us right now.

Lookouts are troublesome. Not only am I unable to freely take action, as long as we are being watched, the information about our strength will be sent to the enemy.

I have limited Setsuna and Co. to only use abilities that can be used for hunting. For example, without using kokuyoku summoning and dark attribute magic, Eve is only using light magic.

*"Setsuna, you don't have to worry. It shouldn't be a cold, since I involuntarily heal myself if I become ill." (Kearuga)*

**[Divine Treasure Arms] Georgius.**

It has a **[Automatic Recovery (Auto Heal)]** function. It would have healed me the moment I caught a cold.

*"Nn. That's good." (Setsuna)*

*"This is superstition, but someone might be strongly thinking about me." (Kearuga)*

It feels like my dorsal muscles are turning cold.

The amount of people that resent me surpass ten or twenty. There are too many people I could think of. For some reason, the hero of the **[Gun]** comes to mind.

The last hero I am taking revenge on.

... I have never forgotten him for even a single day. In the first world, I continued receiving sexual assaults from him day after day.

He would be unreasonably violent while asking why I'm so cold to him even though he loves me this much. And then, after I would be thoroughly injured, he would always cry and apologize.

***“Sorry for doing something painful. I was violent because I love you. Tomorrow, I will love you a lot in proportion to the mean things I did today, so please forgive me.”***

On top of that, he would be saying that while persistently kissing me and stroking my body.

My greatest trauma.

If he appears in front of me, my legs will probably tremble. For that reason, **I will find him, torment him, and kill him.** I'll give back the humiliation and pain I received before with interest included.

“Kearuga, you're thinking about something strange again. You're making a scary face.” *(Eve)*

Eve, who's walking next to me, says that with a frown. It's cute how she nonchalantly interlocks fingers while holding my hand.

“A bit. I remembered a guy I hate.” *(Kearuga)*

“Hmm, so even you have people you aren't good with? Is that person human?” *(Eve)*

“Nice guess. He's human.” *(Kearuga)*

“In that case, that's good. You won't have to meet him if you're here.” *(Eve)*

Eve is indirectly telling me to stay here.

I stroke Eve's head.

“Well, yeah. But I don't want to avoid him. He's an opponent I have to overcome someday.” *(Kearuga)*

If I don't, I feel like I'll become strange from these flames of revenge that continue burning in my chest.

These days, I have always been thinking about how I should torment and kill the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet. In a way, it's similar to love.

“Koya~~~n.”

Above my head, the kitsune cub is yawning. Seeing that, Freya and Ellen become spellbound.

As usual, it's fluffy and cute. This child is troublesome, as it always nimbly climbs onto my head or shoulder and sleeps. My head becomes heavy, but I end up letting it off because it's cute.

“As ever, this child is cute. Have you decided a name for it?” *(Freya)*

“Kearuga-niisama, I am also curious! It is hard to call for it without a name.” *(Ellen)*

Freya and Ellen energetically come to me.

These two are engrossed with the kitsune cub's cuteness.

“Yeah, I decided. It's Guren.” *(Kearuga)*

It's a simple name I took from its race name, platinum one tail crimson. If I give it something too elaborate, it would be hard to understand. The name Guren suits this child who uses crimson flames.

“Uwaa, that is a cute name.” *(Freya)*

“Come to think of it, Kearuga-niisama, is this child a boy? Or is it a girl? Which one is it?” *(Ellen)*



"I wonder? I guess I'll check." (*Kearuga*)

Inserting my hands into Guren's armpit, I raise it and look at its crotch.

*That* isn't there. In that case, a girl.

The moment I finished confirming, Guren grew restive. This is rare for Guren who always seems sleepy. She takes distance, and then protects herself while barking 'konkon'... Was she angry because her crotch was seen? Does she care because she's a girl? No way.

"I won't do it anymore, so come back." (*Kearuga*)

At any rate, I just have to not do it if she doesn't like it.

I call out Guren who's hiding behind a tree.

"Kon." (*Guren*)

While still making an angry face, Guren runs up to me, and once again starts sleeping after climbing on top of my head.

Now that I think about it, I haven't seen this child's power yet. Good timing. I can see a pig monster far away.

I look at it with **Jade Eye**. Its level is a bit more than twenty. It doesn't have any troublesome special abilities either. It should be perfect as practice for Guren.

"Guren, that's your meal. Go and hunt it." (*Kearuga*)

Guren wakes up.

It seems she reacted to the word, meal. She runs at full speed towards the pig monster that is several hundred metres away.

Hou, as expected of her outstanding speed status. Her speed rivals Setsuna. She shortens the distance in the blink of an eye, jumps high overhead the pig monster, and spits a fireball out of her mouth.

It's not just a flame, it's a superior ranked flame magic. Purgatory magic that summons purgatory flames.

The colour of the flames is jet black. Everything from the neck up of the pig monster who was directly hit by the fireball disappears. Not even ashes remain.

When Guren skillfully cuts the pig monster that collapsed after losing its neck with her nails, this time, instead of using black flames, she grills it with normal flames and then eats it.

With amazed eyes, Setsuna opens her mouth.

"That child is amazing. It's my first time seeing a monster that grills meat with flames and then eats it." (*Setsuna*)

"I'm surprised. She's a clever child huh." (*Eve*)

Eve and Setsuna similarly become surprised.

Rather, she eats a lot... No, that's strange. The amount she ate is several times the size of herself.

A kitsune cub finished eating one whole pig in the blink of an eye.

Guren returns.

This time, she gets on my shoulder and starts sleeping. Her weight hasn't changed from before. Where exactly did the things she ate disappear to?

Anyway, I stroke her head and praise her. She listened to my words.

As long as this child is becoming part of our fighting force, I need to try my best with communicating with her.

"Well, let's work hard hunting as well. We need to become stronger to prepare for the fight against the demon king." (*Kearuga*)

Setsuna and Co. nod.

We'll raise our levels and become stronger. It's a fundamental thing, and is important.

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While hunting, I searched for an opening from the lookout and finally started aiming to escape.

I found an opening in their strict defenses, so it should be possible to shake off the lookout and slip out of this village without being exposed.

But as long as I'm going to Buranikka, I will become absent for several days. A counter-measure for that is necessary. During that time, I plan to make it look like I'm there with Guren's shapeshifting.

"Guren, please shapeshift." (*Kearuga*)

"Koya~n?" (*Guren*)

She's only tilting her head, and it seems she has no intention to shapeshift.

... From a glance, it looks like my words haven't been understood, but they have been properly transmitted.

She seems to be too bothered to do it.

From out few days of socializing, I was able to generally read Guren's personality and her behavioural pattern. Thinking it would become like this, only Guren and I are in this room.

"□This is an order. Use your shapeshifting.□" (*Kearuga*)

I mercilessly order her.

The power of the carved seal that's engraved into Guren's heart comes into play.

Guren warps her face painfully. And then, she somersaults on the spot.

"It hurts... why would you be so violent?!" (*Guren*)

And then, she becomes a girl that looks to be around thirteen years old with kitsune ears and a tail, and looks up at my face with teary eyes.

She feels slightly younger than Setsuna and Eve. This is probably Guren's other real appearance.

"It's because you were acting like you couldn't understand me."  
(*Kearuga*)

"It's tiring. Sleeping as a kitsune in a kitsune appearance is the most comfortable. Having a human appearance is distasteful and makes it hard to sleep." (*Guren*)

As usual, it seems it's too tiresome for her.

And she has been releasing bloodlust since before. Exactly who did she take this selfishness from?

"I'll say it just in case, the carved seal on your heart has the effect of crushing your heart if you attack me, the effect of crushing your heart if I die, and the effect of giving you pain if you ignore my orders." (*Kearuga*)

"Uu, that's cruel. That's familiar abuse.... To think I would be born to this kind of goshujin-sama, Guren is a pitiful child." (*Guren*)





The kitsune eared beautiful girl breaks down crying. This fellow is unexpectedly calm.

"If you get it, then quickly shapeshift into my appearance. If I don't leave at this timing, the situation will turn bad." (*Kearuga*)

"Although it's tiresome, I will work hard. In exchange, buy me a souvenir. I want expensive and soft meat. Wild meat is hard and stinky." (*Guren*)

"I promise." (*Kearuga*)

Once I say that, Guren changes into my appearance. She looks slightly sleepy, but her appearance is perfectly me. This probably won't be seen through.

"Eve and Ellen will support you. Listen to what they say, okay?" (*Kearuga*)

"I understand! Take care!" (*Guren*)

Her voice is strangely cheerful. It's as if her not wanting to do it was a lie.

That tone from my appearance is unpleasant. Just in case, I'll take insurance.

"□Don't leave more than one kilometre from Eve.□" (*Kearuga*)

"Wha-, what kind of order are you making!" (*Guren*)

"... You would have escaped if I didn't order you, right?" (*Kearuga*)

"T-There's no way I would do that." (*Guren*)

While averting her face, Guren whistles. There aren't any careless opportunities as well.

"In the first place, if I die, you will die. Serve me if you don't want to die." (*Kearuga*)

"Uuu, I understand." (*Guren*)

It seems she has finally accepted it.

Well then, I will depart. I'll go to Buranikka, and somehow contact

**[Sword Saint]** .

**[Sword Saint]** is my toy. I won't hand her to anyone.

While thinking about that, the door opens.

It's Eve.

"Uwaa, she really did shapeshift into Kearuga-sama's appearance. Guren-chan is clever." (*Eve*)

"Guren is amazing!" (*Guren*)

Like I said, don't talk in a strange tone with my appearance.

Also, don't make a triumphant look.

"Eve, what's up?" (*Kearuga*)

"I came to report to you. The star rabbit tribe is moving just as you said. The iron hog tribe are confident that the star rabbit tribe is black." (*Eve*)

"That was faster than I thought." (*Kearuga*)

Among the methods to confirm whether they are traitors, the quickest and easiest way is to actually see them circulate information.

Doing that is simple. If they catch hold of information that needs to be urgently circulated to the demon king, the traitors will immediately move.

And then, without knowing they are being suspected, the star rabbit tribe will expose the crime scene.

... I was the one that set them up, but to think they would so easily move on the palm of my hand.

The information I told the iron hog tribe was circulated to the star rabbit tribe, and the star rabbit tribe panickingly reported it to the demon king. Without even knowing they are being seen.

"The crucial moment starts from here." (*Kearuga*)

I have made demon allies. Next is to collect the **[Sword Saint]** and prepare my fighting power. After this, I will earnestly entrap the demon king.

First, I will go outside from the hole in the security net.

... Now, everything will start from here.





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